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100 YEARS AGO

Life In New Bedford A Hundred Years Ago

A Chronicle of the Social, Religious and Commercial History
of the Period as recorded in a Diary
kept by Joseph R. Anthony

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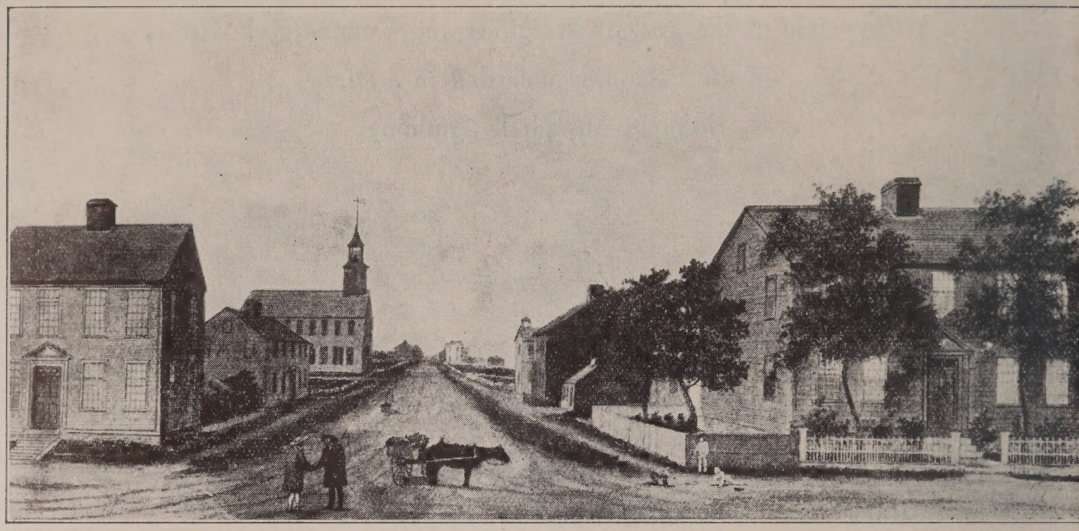

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INTRODUCTION

The picture most familiar to the people of New Bedford is that of "Main Street," now Union Street, a lithograph reproduced from a painting by William A. Wall. It affords a glimpse of the most pretentious neighborhood in the town as it existed a little more than a century ago. Once the picture adorned about every home in the village. When the period of the chromo came the old prints were displaced and many were destroyed. Within a few years old prints have come in vogue and the old New Bedford picture is eagerly sought.

The print reveals in the foreground William Rotch in a chaise, the only one in the village at the time, a vehicle said to have been imported from England. Along the street is a row of buildings, a store, a blacksmith shop, the town pound, and last in the line, the old mansion of William Rotch, surrounded by a garden, with poplar trees along the roadside.

A few traditions came down of social events in that early day, such as the visit of John de Massiellac from Languedoc, who read the petition from William Rotch to the national assembly of France in reply to which Mirabeau, the president of the French national assembly, made a beautiful apostrophe to the Quakers— "I was present," wrote William Logan Fisher in a manuscript still in existence, "when he alighted from the stage at William Rotch's door and remember the earnest kisses which he bestowed upon the cheeks of that venerable man. There was General Lincoln of Revolutionary memory who received the sword of Cornwallis and let him out as a prisoner at Yorktown. There was Count Rochambeau Liancourt, Peter Grant of Italy and many others.

The meagre records and traditions familiar to those who love the fascinating history of the rare old, fair old golden time, served to excite curiosity for further knowledge of the men and women of the village period. As we have looked at the stately Dutch cap mansions, indicative of caste and distinction, there has come eager curiosity for intimate knowledge of those who laid the corner stone of the structure, their social and business life, their joys and sorrows. We have craved to participate in an adventure such as Le Sage depicted in Asmodeus' flight. In the tale, "Le Diable Borteaux," "The Devil On Two Sticks," the spirit liberated from a bottle, takes Don Cleofas along, unroofs the buildings of a great city and entertains his companion with glimpses of those within, revealing their sufferings, transports and agitations.

Asmodeus is a spirit of disrepute but his facilities for getting about were highly developed. By a fortunate set of chances we are now enabled to unroof the patrician homes of the village in a high and far off time when "all things in order stood," as pictured in the old prints, "a haunt of ancient Peace," and look in upon the life of the cultivated men and women of their day with almost the intimacy acquired in the celebrated flight of Asmodeus.

The opportunity to unveil this story of the social, business and religious life of this community a hundred years ago, comes through the decision of the custodians of a diary kept by Joseph R. Anthony in the years 1823 and 1824, to permit its publication. The diary is now in the custody of Mrs. Josephine Grinnell Rotch, the widow of Morgan Rotch, a daughter of J. G. Grinnell. Hitherto the reading of the diary has been limited to a few associated with the families most intimately concerned. The value of the record was recognized as of exceeding historical interest, which might one day be published. But it has been withheld from the public because being of so personal a nature it was feared that breaking the seal might give offence in some quarter. The time has arrived when there is not a direct descendant living in New Bedford of Mr. Anthony, who wrote the diary.

The diary was kept by Joseph R. Anthony, who was, in 1823 when the record commences, 26 years old. Mr. Anthony was employed at that time in the counting room of the Rotches. Later in life he built the mansion of stone on the estate which stretches for a block on Orchard Street, now owned by Miss Julia Delano. The record nearly fills two leather bound books. It commences on January 1, 1823, and it ends on September 30, 1824. When Moses H. Grinnell died in New York, these diaries were found among his private papers. The Grinnell family recognized the importance of the annals. It was felt by the family of Mr. Grinnell that the diaries should be returned to New Bedford because of the importance they were bound to take in the historical archives of this community. At that time as son of Joseph Anthony, the writer, Rowland Anthony, was living and to him was given the custody. William W. Crapo, among other friends of the Grinnell family was privileged to read the diaries and recognized their unique interest and value as history. It now seems to Mr. Crapo that sufficient time has elapsed to avoid the possibility of wounding the sensibilities of any person now living by the publication of these personal experiences of a hundred years ago, and it is through his intercession that the custodians of the diaries have permitted their publication.

The Anthony diaries are somewhat unusual, inasmuch as they are not so much a personal legend of Mr. Anthony's experiences as they are a record of daily events in town and country. The Adamses and other famous diarists of that period kept a daily chronicle, but it was written around their personal movements. Mr. Anthony's

record is as impersonal for considerable periods as a ship's log book, although it is not carried to the exasperating degree of personal suppression that distinguishes log books. But that Mr. Anthony was in touch with log book literature is indicated by the fact that he often employs the vernacular of log books, as in the final entry of 1823, — "So ends this year." No introduction to the first volume is brought to light. For everything that appears Mr. Anthony had kept a diary habitually. And it is brought to a close on September 30, 1824. There are many blank pages following the last entry in the second volume. It is strange that a writer who had kept a diary so persistently and faithfully for this period should suddenly cease, without written explanation. If there had been lapses before the last entry it might have been surmised that Mr. Anthony had wearied of his undertaking or that other activities engrossed him, but the final record of September 30 is written in great detail.

A theory regarding these two volumes of records which may account for the circumstances of the abrupt ending, has been suggested. Moses H. Grinnell, a young man of twenty at this time, worked in the counting room of the Rotches, along with Mr. Anthony. Moses was Joseph's most intimate friend. He was engaged to Susan Russell, a sister of Joseph's wife. He sailed from New Bedford October 21, 1823, on a voyage to South America, Mediterranean and Baltic ports. "For the first time in my life," wrote Joseph, "a tear moistened my eye on parting with a friend. For nearly five years he has been my companion in the counting room and endeared himself to me so much that I can truly say I felt for him all a brother's love. He goes from here to Pernambuco and from thence up the Mediterranean to Trieste and will be absent from eight to ten months." Mr. Crapo conceives that Mr. Anthony kept this journal for Moses Grinnell. This view is supported by the ending of the diary in 1824, coincident with the return of Moses. It was not feasible to keep a world traveler in touch with home matters through the medium of letters in that day. There were no local newspapers, and Mr. Crapo is of the opinion that it was arranged that Joseph should keep this journal that Moses might be informed minutely of all the happenings in the town in his absence. Another theory is that Mr. Anthony kept a diary habitually and turned over the two volumes covering the period to Moses on his return — that the other diaries were destroyed and that Moses preserved the only exhibits of Mr. Anthony's industry.

Moses Grinnell was a son of Cornelius Grinnell. The trip upon which he was starting, was made to assist him to fulfill his ambition to become a great merchant. He was not bent upon pleasure. He first made an intensive study of conditions in the countries he visited in South America. He investigated the products, what was consumed in home production, the amount of surplus for export, prices, costs of transportation, rates of exchange. He did the same thing in Italy. Later he returned to New York and was one of the founders of the great house of Grinnell, Minturn & Co. Henry Grinnell, a brother, who financed the Dr. Kane Arctic expedition, was associated with him. The firm set apart $10,000 a year for the entertainment of foreign diplomats and the great men of the earth were guests of the firm Mr. Grinnell became one of the leading men of affairs in the United States.

At a period when the diary was written the five most beautiful girls in the town were the daughters of Gilbert Russell. Gilbert Russell was a great grandson of Joseph Russell, for whom Joseph Rotch named New Bedford, Russell being the family name of the Duke of Bedford. The town was named Bedford. Later, when it was found there was another Bedford in the colony, "New" was prefixed. Old Joseph Russell owned one of the eleven farms, including what is now Russell Mills. Later Russells added to the domain and a large part of the property came to Gilbert by inheritance. Gilbert was a whaling merchant. At the time the Anthony diary was written he lived in a very stately mansion on the west side of County Street at the head of Walnut Street. This old mansion was later sold to William R. Rotch and remodeled, and the house parted with something of its distinction in the rebuilding. It is now owned by Edward S. Brown. Later in 1829, Mr. Russell built the mansion at the northwest corner of Russell and Sixth Streets.

Two Grinnells married daughters of Gilbert Russell. The first of the girls to be married was Catherine, who married Joseph R. Anthony, a cousin. Lydia Russell married William W. Swain. Mr. Swain was called "Governor" Swain, because he ruled over the island of Naushon, which he bought in conjunction with John M. Forbes. Mr. Swain lived in the mansion at the corner of County and Hawthorn Streets, which he endowed as a school, the mansion coming into possession of the school trustees at the death of his wife. Swain and Forbes agreed that the title of Naushon should pass to the survivor, and so it happened that Mr. Forbes became the sole owner of the island. Susan Russell married Moses H. Grinnell. Susan died in 1832 and later Moses Grinnell married a niece of Washington Irving. Cornelius Grinnell, Jr., married Eliza T. Russell for his first wife and after her death Mary Russell, her sister.

It is a matter of tradition, that the Russell girls were famed for their beauty. We know that in the day in which Mr. Anthony writes they were slight in figure, for in an entry in April 1823, Joseph records. "The girls, with Warren and Moses, dined with us. In the afternoon the girls came down to the counting room to be weighed — Mary 94, Sue 90, Katy 88." The blithe

romance of Moses and Susan is touched upon naively. On February 23, 1823, Mr. Anthony records:

"Susan, Moses, Warren and Tom dined with me. We had a pretty merry day. Moses in high glee, being his birthday, as well as elated with success in his affair."

On March 13, Joseph writes:

"Cousin Tom, Moses, and Susan dined with us. On the 23rd of last month I attributed part of the fine spirits which Moses was in to its being his birthday, but since find I was mistaken, and it was all owing to the other source, today being his birthday — twenty years old."

The Friends society, of which the Russell girls were birth-right members, undertook to discipline Mary and Susan. This part of the record is very full and interesting. Schism had developed among the Friends at this period. It was not unlike the contemporary schism in the Congregational church, a controversy between the liberal element and the less liberal. The meeting house which Mr. Anthony attended, of which he wrote and in which the stirring scenes recorded in the diary were enacted, was erected in 1785 on the Spring Street lot, given by Joseph Russell. This old meeting house was removed in 1826 when the meeting house of brick, now standing, was built. At the period the Diary was written the New Light movement, which had been brewing since 1817, was just culminating. The new group claimed to have received "new light" which led them to disregard the practices and principles of the society. In some communities the Quakers split and divided between factions within the society, there were the Gurneyites and Wilburites in some sections, representing degrees of liberality. In New Bedford a part of the liberal element united with the Unitarians. Later the Wilburites built a meeting house on the east side of Fifth Street, north of Russell. The story of the differences between the Old Lights and the New Lights as related by Mr. Anthony, is represented in excellent spirit. When it is considered that Mr. Anthony was but 26 and that two of his wife's sisters were menaced with the discipline of the society, the fairness of the relation and the restraint, is remarkable.

On April 16, Joseph writes:

"Mary and Susan had another visit this forenoon from the overseers of the meeting to labour with them respecting their dress and address and informed that they should make a complaint to the meeting.

On April 17 he records:

"The overseers of the meeting entered a regular complaint in the preparative meeting this day against Mary and Susan for not conforming to the Discipline in all the important points of Dress, Address, attending disorderly meetings, (viz. the marriage of Jeremiah Winslow and mine) and frequenting places of public amusements. After some debate it was concluded to carry the complaint up to the monthly meeting next week. The girls have got their feelings a good deal excited and will probably resign their membership. The girls, with Warren and Moses, dined with us."

On April 20 he records:

"This morning we had an edifying sermon from William James on the great importance of dress. He alluded pretty pointedly to Mary and Susan on the sinfulness of their gay attire."

The final episode in the attempt to discipline Mary and Susan wherein the sisters relinquished their rights to membershp in the society, is a most interesting and important contribution to the religious history of New Bedford. It was at this time that Mary Newell came here and the story of the friction between the Old Lights and the New Lights is told as never before. It was a fine quality in Mr. Anthony that he turned from the pleasures of the week and attended meetings with regularity, writing with surprising nerve and discrimination, his youth considered. These were exciting times in the meeting, when speakers "denounced a woe upon those who interposed the work of the Lord"; austere Quakers would not arise at the prayer of the New Lights, when Debby Otis stood in the aisle and would not let Eliza Rotch take the high seat. At one time Cornelius Grinnell unloaded a vessel on Sunday which caused criticism. Cornelius finally "had himself complained of for a breach of the Sabbath," in anticipation of action by the society, "and by that means saved half the expense."

The mild gaiety of the town is pictured. "Took tea at Father's. Nat and Anna, Mrs. Tom Rotch and others there aquilting" is one entry. Bagatelle was played. A "Grand Caravan of Living Animals" visited the town. A company of colored performers came and was sent out of town by the selectmen. Thanksgiving evening Joseph attended a "grand oratorio." On Washington's Birthday the artillery company paraded, there was an oration and a dinner at Cole's Hotel, but "from all account the delivery of the oration was ludicrous enough and shew the man was partially deranged. On the whole the celebration was a pretty small concern. In the evening had an oyster supper." Mr. Anthony visited New York, saw "Tom and Jerry" and Matthews at the theatre. The plays included "The Clandestine Marriage," "Monsieur Tonson" and the "Forty Thieves." On this trip Joseph was invited to meet Prince Marat who was over from France. Among the quaint things he saw in New York was a "stepping mill," which is described.

We know upon what viands the affluent of this day fed. In June Mr. Anthony records he had roast beef, "a rarity at this season." But he had stall fed wild pigeon and partridge pie, fried oysters, venisoned mutton, souse and sausages, ate strawberries in James Arnold's garden, attended a corn

pudding party and a cherry and cucumber party, had radishes, "from the seed that grew this year," apples "Which grew on my English Royal dwarf received from France this spring. It was in bloom when set out. The color red and white and very fine flavour." He set casks of wine to settle, Madeira and port which he bottled himself.

Joseph read the Waverly Novels and Miss Edgeworth's novels sent to Henry Grinnell in New York to send him "Peveril of the Peak" and the "Pioneers," read Las Casas's Journal, "Quentin Derwood," "Reginald Dalton." Butler's "Hudibras."

There are many stories of trips to New York. Sometimes the Rotch's went along and they drove to Newport in a gig, of the type of William Rotch's chaise, where a steamer was taken. The traveling facilities were primitive. One day Mr. Anthony sent his man on horseback to Newport to get "Sovereign Salve" for his wife. There are stories of stage trips with merry songs.

The business record is no less interesting. The names of famous ships appear, like the Maria, which was a bridal present of Samuel Rodman from his father-in-law, William Rotch. This is the vessel that secured in some quarters the erroneous fame of being the first vessel to fly the American flag in the Thames. It is the vessel that took Mr. Rotch to England and France, when he met the French king and held an interview which resulted in establishing the whaling industry in Dunkirk. The Maria brought the famed horse, Roman to New York and Mr. Anthony writes of the curiosity of the New Yorkers who visited the vessel in crowds. This vessel had a remarkable history. Also there is mention of the "Ann Alexander." George Howland named her for an Irish Friend who was traveling in this Country.

Incidentally Mr. Anthony did business with John Jacob Astor on one New York trip. Even in that day business men were looking for largesse through a tariff. Mr. Anthony records a meeting to petition for a tax on tallow.

At the period this record was made the population of New Bedford was less than 4000, having lost nearly 1000 in population since the census ten years preceding. This was due to dull business following the war in 1812. Early records in the diary emphasize the depression and encircling gloom with respect to the business outlook. For example:

"The great scarcity of money and disputes on religious matters are the great topics of conversation through the town."

"Retrenchment of expenses in living is the cry on all sides but few are ready to commence. Cornelius talks strongly of going down to the farm to live, but it will probably all end in talk."

New Bedford was at this time a sparsely built village on the hillside. Clarks Point was wooded. There were woods at the westward. The mansions of the rich were of a type like that of the Rodman and Rotch mansions. Moses Grinnell, of whom so much is written in the diary, lived with his father, Captain Cornelius Grinnell, a merchant whose early life was spent on the sea. He was one of the incorporators of the Bedford bank in 1803. In 1811 Captain Grinnell bought the house of Asa Russell on the northwest corner of Acushnet avenue and Grinnell Streets, still standing, now occupied as a boarding house. William Rotch who was a vital factor in the development of whaling and other business activities died in 1828 and the following year his house was opened as a hotel under the name of the Mansion House. His son, William Rotch, Jr., lived at the corner of William and Water Streets in the house now used as the Mariners' Home, which was given to the Port Society by Mrs. James Arnold, his daughter, after his decease in 1850. Samuel Rodman lived at the northwest corner of Water and William Streets, later used as a bakery. The stone building on the east side of Water Street was in existence. It was the candle works of Samuel Rodman. John Avery Parker was living in the mansion on the southeast corner of Purchase and Middle Streets, later the Parker House. George Howland lived at the northeast corner of Walnut and Seventh Streets. He manufactured sperm oil products in a stone building at the foot of North Street. James Arnold had moved from his house at the southwest corner of South Water and Madison Streets to his new brick house at the head of Spring Street where he had created "Arnold's Garden." Mr. Arnold came here from Rhode Island, began his career under the tutorship of William Rotch and married the daughter of William Rotch, Jr. He was a member of the firm of William Rotch, Jr. & Co. The Eagle Hotel was at the southwest corner of Union and Fourth Streets. There were fifteen wharfs, eight spermacetti manufacturers, two rope walks and two banks.

All the houses of New Bedford's wealthy men at this time were constructed upon the same design, which is attributed to Henry B. Worth as an expression of the dominant influence of the social, religious and business life of the Society of Friends. In their zest to avoid ostentation, they adopted rigid uniformity of dress, speech, mode of living and style of house. They had before them the fact that in Nantucket a member was investigated by the meeting for a departure from the usual type of dwelling and another, for the same reason refused to visit his daughter in her home.

The attempt has been made in this introduction to picture the little village a century ago, when Joseph Anthony wrote his diary. This diary is the spirit that unroofs the mansions and the counting houses and gives the reader entree into the intimacy of homes such as Asmodeus afforded Don Cleofas. The adventure will, we are sure, be no less entertaining than the celebrated flight described by Le Sage.

—Zephaniah W. Pease.

LIFE IN NEW BEDFORD ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

THE DIARY

1st Month 1st, 1823

A stormy and unpleasant day, with snow and rain. Robert Brayton buried.

2nd. Agreed with Jos. Rotch for the residue of the sperm oil of the Sophia's cargo unsold, belonging to the crew at 55 cts. p. gall, cash—for the Candle works.

3rd. Nothing of any note transpired today. Heard of the Brig Minerva from St. Thomas with 500 bbls. sperm oil. A great scarcity of money among the greater part of the inhabitants of the town.

4th. Ship Atlas hauled off into the stream, considerable of a snow storm all the evening & night.

5th. Sunday. Rained nearly all day — cleared away cold in the afternoon. William Foster, an Engl's'man preached at our meeting house. Pickering, a Universalist, had a meeting at D. Davenport's shop.

6th. A cold day — very slippery — spent the evening at Cora's. Had some oysters and then took a sleigh ride around town.

7th. The harbour closed last night with ice below Palmer's Island. Wm. T. and Moses started for Newport, & I embraced the opportunity to send W. B. a letter enclosing $10 for B. A., likewise a bundle of clothes — took tea at Father's & spent the evening there.

8th. A warm and pleasant day. The Wm. & Eliza got below the Island clear of the ice. W. T. Russell & Moses returned from Newport — contracted to manufacture some oil for the owners of the Robinson Potter.

9th. The Atlas dropped below the Island. Received the intelligence this evening of the loss of the Sloop Eliza Nicoll — Capt. Perry, on her passage from hence to New York, she was endeavoring to make Black Rock for a harbour, but struck going in on a rock called the Cowes, and immediately filled. There were seven persons on board, five of whom perished, viz., Benjamin Fuller of this town, a Capt. Smith & an agent, Mr. Edmundson (who had been purchasing sperm oil) of N. York and two black men. Gerhsom Drew (mate of the Minerva last voyage) was saved. Capt. Perry was much bruised & frozen. It is expected the sloop will be lost entirely. The fate of the cargo is not yet ascertained — she had not much freight on board — it consisted of oil belonging to the Candle works at Fairhaven — and fifty barrels S. Oil in the natural state purchased of John Coggeshall, Jr., by the person above mentioned. This sad accident took place on seventh day evening last, the 4th inst., between 8 & 9 o'clock in a thick snow storm. There was also a son of Benja'n Fuller on board who likewise perished.

10th. The weather for a day or two past has been so moderate that the Ice in the river is very much broken up. In the afternoon the wind N. W. and cold. Luther Anthony's sister died this morning after a long illness.

11th. A cold and unpleasant day — in the afternoon the river again froze over, having been entirely broken up by the strong N. W. wind which prevailed last night. John Wood's new N. York packet dropped down below the island to be ready the first wind.

12th. The Wm. & Eliza for the Pacific Ocean and the Atlas for Brazil Banks & the coast of Guinea sailed this morning — also the Sloop Rodman for N. York.

13th. Ch's Swain returned last evening from N. Orleans.

14th. Took tea at Nat's in the evening — had an oyster supper. Accounts from Europe rec'd this evening state that the Holy Alliance had broken up, and that there were good reasons to believe that France would soon declare war with Spain.

15th. The celebrated Methodist minister, M. Maffit, arrived in town and preached to a large assembly at the Methodist meeting house — he did not cause much excitement.

16th. This day Micah H. Ruggles and Lydia Rodman informed the Friends that they intended marrying each other, which occasions much talk among a certain class of the good friends. Heard this evening of the arrival of Hathaway's Brig Horatio into New York. The master, Loum Snow, died two days before she arrived — also the Brig Clitus — Capt. Almy into New Port with a cargo of salt.

17th. A very pleasant day. Father commenced filling his Ice house.

18th. Nothing doing of any consequence in the town. The Reformation among the Baptist Society and Mr. Maffit is the principle talk of the day.

19th. Mary Newell from Lynn was at meeting this afternoon, and many went in hopes she would preach, but were disappointed, myself among the number.

20th. Rained all day. Benjamin Hill died last night.

21st. Heard of the arrival of the Brig. Wm. Thatcher at Rio Janario after a passage of 100 days. The Clitus came round from New Port this day.

22nd. Went this evening to hear Mr. Maffit, the Methodist preacher he sang several Psalms alone with much elegance, but I did not admire his manner of preaching, being too theatrical, and an appearance of a want of sincerity to please my taste.

23rd. Catharine taken unwell this morning, rather better at noon. I went and dined at William's. Dr. Read staid all night.

24th. Catharine has been quite smart all day. Two persons, a woman and a boy, were taken up for passing counterfeit money.

25th. Nothing occurred during the day needful to be noted.

26th. An unpleasant day — Sunday — did not go out of the house all day.

27th. The great scarcity of money and disputes on Religious matters are the great topics of conversation throughout the town.

28th. Rec'd a letter from my sister Mary at New Port in answer to the one I wrote by W. T. Russell. Paid Henry an a-c Ten dollars. James Coggeshall was married this evening to Edward Wing's daughter Anna.

29th. The sloop Eliza Nicols arrived last night from New York. Wrote a letter to James Savage, Esq., Boston, requesting information respecting Savings Bank, copy of which letter is in my Port Folio. Spent the evening at the Methodist meeting house to hear Mr. Maffit preach and sing. Was not well pleased and think I shall not go to hear him again. He has as yet not been very fortunate in making converts not more than twenty have come forward, and those mostly girls from eight to ten years of age, so that he hardly gets his share, in this day of Reformation.

30th. Attended our meeting this forenoon to hear Mary Newell preach and was not disappointed the pleasure of hearing her. Dined at N. Hathaway — had an excellent haunch of mutton, cooked in venison style. In the afternoon wrote to D. Southward of Mattapoisett respecting W. R. Rotch's demand against Libny Rogers' estate & enclosed the letter to Jos. Meigs that I might be sure he received is (memo). Wrote that unless he p'd the demand before the 17th next month he would be sued. Also wrote Henry Grinnell to send me Peveril of the Peak & the Pioneers.

31st. Sloop Rodman — Capt. Wood — arrived from New York, carried away her main boom. The weather has been very mild during this month, and generally mild, this evening it snowed for a little while quite briskly, and gave indications of their being good sleighing, but cleared away cold & very little snow fell.

FEBRUARY

2d Mo. 1st. Rec'd an answer from letter to Jas. Savage, unfavorable to my wishes. The letter will be found with the copy of mine to him.

2d. A pleasant day. After dinner took Catharine to ride as far as the Point. Mary Newell preached an excellent sermon at the afternoon meeting. About sun set a Brig. was seen coming into the bay supposed to be the Minerva. The packet Experiment Capt. Taber — sailed this morning for N. York.

3rd. The Brig. seen yesterday went down sound. Snowed nearly all day, but the quantity fell was trifling.

4th. Sleighing pretty good. Took Catharine to ride as far as the Beach in the Slaygh. At 5 o'clock C. was taken unwell and at 9 o'clock she was put to bed with a Boy, having got tho the business as well as could be expected.

5th. A pleasant day. Took a sleigh ride in the morning with Sister Susan and Willy.

6th. The coldest day we have had this winter. In the evening an appearance of a storm. Catharine gets along very well.

7th. Another very cold day. The river entirely closed with Ice. Meribeth Keith and Benj'n Russell returned from Charleston by packet to N. York, and then by land — got here this evening.

8th. The weather much milder — some appearance of a snow storm. Cath. not so well today.

9th. Sent Henry a horseback to Newport to get some salve for Catharine. Went to meeting in the forenoon. Mary Newell was there and gave us an excellent sermon. After she sat down Caleb Greene got up and denounced her in a very unhandsome manner. The greater part of the meeting I trust for the honour of the Society felt a contempt for his mean and pitiful conduct. Immediately on his taking his seat, Sam. Rodman rose in vindication of Mary, and informed the meeting the manner she had been persecuted at Lynn, made some appropriate remarks, and concluded by saying that for the testimony she had that day borne, we could judge for ourselves whether it was in the truth or not. Dined at brother William's — went to meeting again in the afternoon. M. Newell gave us another sermon to my great satisfaction and I hope to that of many others. She also appeared in supplication. About one third of the assembly kept their seats to show they were not in unity with her — no opposition, however, otherwise than not rising at her prayer was manifested by the Old Lights. In the morning meeting after S. Rodman took his seat and the audience was leaving B. Rodman made some remarks to favour M. Newell. Took tea at N. Hathaway's and spent the evening with them. Sister Susan to whom we applied to select a name for our Boy, informed us she had chosen that of Edward, which name we shall give him. Mr. Maffit still continues to attract a full house. Reformations and Revivals, as they are called, seem to be the order of the day. It is to be hoped some good will result from them, but the contrary is much feared.

10th. Henry returned this afternoon from Newport with the Sovereign salve for Catharine. Took tea at father's with Mary Newell, Mary Rotch and some others. Had a very pleasant time. M. Newell has appointed a meeting tomorrow evening to be held at Whitaker's (the first Congregational) Church.

11th. Attended M. Newell's meeting. She sat in the pulpit accompanied by Sam'l Rodman & his wife. Mary Rotch and Content Breed gave us a first rate Quaker sermon & prayer, the meeting was crowded to excess. So many members of the Friends Society attending the meeting gives much umbrage to the Old Lights.

12th. Cornelius, William T. & Nathaniel dined with me today on roast mutton. We all went to Corn's in the evening to tea. Mary Newell and about twenty others were there. We had a very agreeable evening indeed. She is a very interesting and amiable woman. It commenced snowing this morning about sunrise and continued to storm until noon. A good deal of snow fell and had the ground been in proper order we should have had good sleighing.

13th. Spent the forenoon by taking a sleigh ride with sister S. and Mr. Warren — dined and spent the remainder of the day at Corn's.

14th. Dined at N. Hathaway's with C. G. Jr. & wife, W. T. R. & wife, Mary & Susan & Moses. Staid there until 10, in the evening. Commenced snowing about three o'clock, but in the evening it rained and made very bad walking.

15th. This morning a Brig was seen at the S. W. end of Nashawinna, supposed to be at anchor, but about 11 o'clock she set sail headed for the shore. It was then discovered she was ashore and they were endeavouring to force her as the tide was up as near the land as possible. In the afternoon John Wood & others in the Sloop Rodman went down to her to ascertain who she was. The signal the Brig had set resembled J. A. Parker's very much, and for the most of the day it was believed to be his brig Dragon, but at dark no alteration was made in the signal of the Rodman — it is believed she does not belong here. Spent the evening at William Nye's. M. Newell was there. She and Mary Rotch both had some religious remarks to make to us — had a very pleasant evening.

16th. Attended the fore and afternoon meeting. M. Newell preached at both — she gave a long and able discourse in the morning. No opposition was manifested by the Old Lights. Jeremiah Winslow was published today to Miss Norris, a teacher of the French language, a quite unexpected circumstance. Corn's & Betsey, Mary, Susan and Moses dined with me. Mr. Maffit took his benefit this evening. I should be inclined to think it was rather a small one from the great scarcity of money. The Rodman returned this evening. The Brig ashore is the Two Brothers, of Boston, from Campeachy, with Logwood, mahogany, etc. The Brig will probably go to pieces, but the cargo may be saved if the weather should be moderate. The cook was washed overboard during the day and drowned. A ship was seen at noon to pass Quicksies Hole, and come to anchor in Tarpaulin Cove. She set her signal on the flagstaff — it is thought to be the Persia.

17th. Benj'n Heathe, the rigger, died very suddenly last night of a complaint of the heart — he was out during the day and was as well as usual. Went over to Mattapoisett to see Dr. Wibbour Southward in the sleigh, Mr. Warren with me — found the Dr. had come to Bedford. Corn's had Mr. Maffit and some others to dine with him. No accounts from the ship — Mosher went over to her this morning.

18th. The Pilot Boat returned from the Cove, and we find that the ship that was seen on Sunday was the Persia — Capt. Cross — full of sperm oil from the coast of Japan — wind favorable for the ship to get round. Dined at father's. Mary Newell left town this morning for home, and Mr. Maffit for Bristol.

19th. A fine day. Cousin Tom & Nathan dined with me. Persia not arrived.

20th. The Persia got as far as Clark's point, but the Ice prevented her getting any further. Capt. Silas Parker died about 11 o'clock of a lung fever. Received a confirmation from Moses of what I had suspected for some time.

21st. The following is the list of Bedford ships which the Persia brings a-c of spoke June 18, 1822, Lat. 33-40, N. Long. 178 W.:

Wilm'n. & L'pool packet (Briggs)	300 bbls.
Minerva (Swain)	200 "
Phoebe Ann	900 "

All those on the coast of Japan.

Heard of the following at the Sandwich Islands, April 15, 1822:

Balaena (Gardner)	600 bbls.
Geo. & Susan (Upham)	300 "
Independence (Hammond)	540 "
Frances (Swain)	550 "
Minerva Smith (M'Kensie)	650 "
Columbus (Brock)	300 "
Abigail (Covell)	600 "

Spoke Oct. 29, 1822, Lat. 67, 46 S. Long. 72 W.

Ship Alliance Coffin, 150 days out.

Received a letter from Capt. Swain of our Ship Minerva, dated June 18, saying he had 200 bbls.

The sloops Rodman & Bedford went over to the Two Brothers to take in her cargo &c for the underwriters.

Dined at W. C. Nye's with a party — had a very clever time.

Rec'd an invitation from r. Whittaker to hear his oration to be pronounced tomorrow, but declined accepting. This evening at 11 o'clock sister Lydia Swain was delivered of a Boy.

22d. The Ship Commodore Rodgers — Capt. Smith — from the Brazil Banks, with about 1800 bbls. whale oil arrived — brought no later accounts from the fleet than October. She saw the Geo. & Martha who had lost her mate and one man by the staving of a boat. The birthday of Washington. D. K. Whittaker delivered an oration. Capt. Harrison paraded with his artillery company, and then partook of a dinner provided at Cole's Hotel. From all account, the delivery of the Oration was ludicrous enough, and shew that the man was partially deranged. On the whole the celebration was a pretty small concern. In the evening had an oyster supper — Nat, Moses, Tom, father & the girls were here. The Persia & C. Rodgers both got up to the wharf.

23d. Sunday — a pleasant day. The Persia commenced discharging her cargo, which made some stir being the first day in the week. Many considered it wicked. Had a venison mutton dinner. Susan, Moses, Warren & Tom dined with me. We had a pretty merry day. Moses in high glee, being his birthday, as well as elated with his success in his * * * affair.

24th. The most severe storm we have had this winter — a considerable snow and a very high wind. Mr. Delius in town. Dined at Corn's, being too stormy to come home. Corn's found he should be complained of for a breach of the Sabbath yesterday — got Warren to enter a complaint against him & by that means saved half the expense.

25th. The storm of yesterday did not abate much till about noon this day, when the Bedford and Rodman were discovered to be in a bad situation. They had drifted out of Pune harbour and the former was on shore and the latter in the surf with signals of distress hoisted. The sloop Henry with Joe Allen and some others immediately put off to their assistance. Cleared away just before sunset very pleasantly. The mails for yesterday and today not been received owing to the severity of the weather.

26th. The Bedford returned from the wreck — found they had not been in so bad a situation as was feared. They were both ashore at one time, but got off without damage. The old ice closed around them & prevented the sea doing them any injury. All the mails due this week arrived this evening.

27th. The Leonidas — Capt. Potter — from the coast of Japan, arrived this evening full sperm oil — spoke the following, July 23, 1822:

Ship Abigail (Covell)	1100	bbls.
" Independence (Hammond)	1200	"
" Barclay (Glover)	500	"
" Minerva Smyth (McKensie)	700	"
" Charles (Coffin)	800	"
" Geo. & Susan (Upham)	350	"
" Frances (Swain)	700	"
" Columbus (Brock)	850	"

In Tombus roads October 25, 1822:

Ship Phenix (Worth)	60	bbls.
" Swift (Pinkham)	370	"
" Wm. Rotch (Tobey)	50	"

Spoke Dec. 31, Ship Richmond (William) full of elephant oil on her passage home. Rec'd by this vessel a letter from Capt. Glover of the Barclay dated coast of Japan, June 20, with 400 barrels. The Brig Minerva Captain Wood — from the coast of Africa full of sperm oil also arrived this evening, left on the coast Dec. 3, 1822:

Brig Nautilus (Covell)	170	bbls.
Telemacker (Long)	130	"
Sch. Packet (Delano)	165	"
Brig Industry (Parker)	130	"
Indian Chief (Chase)	None	
Planter (Hussey)	None	

Thos. S. Hathaway & Capt. Taber returned from N. York this evening.

28th. The Brig Beneset — Capt. Gardner — arrived from the Isle of May with a cargo of salt. The Sloop Ann Maria from N. York with the cargo of the Experiment got above the island & locked in with the Ice. A large party at Father's of Rotch's, Rodmans &c. A ship in the Cove with a signal set on the flag staff — supposed to be the Richmond.

MARCH

1st. The Ann Maria got up to the wharf. Received a letter from Henry Grinnell, also Peveril of the Peak & the Pioneers. Dined at Jos. Rotch's with a party of gentlemen — sat down at the table about 5 o'clock and staid till nine. In the evening C. H. Warren's brothers, the Doct'r and Pelham came in — just arrived from Plymouth — we had a very merry and pleasant time.

2d. Catharine came down to dine for the first time since she was confined. Tom, Moses & the girls dined with us. The Ship seen in the Cove day before yesterday arrived this forenoon. It was the Richmond (Capt. Williams) with a full cargo of elephant oil. This evening Jere'h Winslow was married to Miss Norriss at W. R. Rotch's.

3d. The Ship Com'e Rodgers taking in her cargo of oil for Europe. A cold day and evening.

4th. A cold day. Catharine took tea and spent the evening down stairs. Nat, Anna & Tom with us.

5th. Catharine rode out this forenoon. The girls and Warren dined with us. Mary R. Rotch gave a wedding party to Mr. & Mrs. Winslow — invited, but did not feel well enough to go.

6th. A stormy day — did not leave the house all day, not being very well. The Nantucket packet Maria arrived for the first time this season.

7th. Nothing worthy of being noted this day, except the roguish conduct of P. R. Bates, which excites much indignation among the good people he has duped.

8th. A very pleasant day. Considerable stir about the wharves. The whalemen that arrived lately, discharging the Persia's cargo of sperm oil, settled at 48 cents p gall., the lowest price since the peace. The Sch'r Peacock — Capt. Storms — arrived from Rio de la Hatch. A large party at father's. Evening passed off very pleasantly — part of the time spent in dancing. Catharine made her debut for the first time from her home since her confinement. She staid all night. I returned home.

9th. Breakfasted and dined at father's. Returned home in the afternoon. Mr. Maffit again in town. His second appearance on the stage does not seem to cause as much excitement as was manifested at his first.

10th. The ship Europa — Capt. Dunbar — hauled off in the stream this afternoon. Capt. De Cost arrived from N. York.

11th. The Europa sailed this morning for City Point, but returned on account of the wind. Thomas Rotch left this forenoon for Phila. via New Port. T. Russell took him to the latter place; by T. Rotch I wrote to Hen'y Grinnell to get information respecting the Savings Bank in N. York. At a party this eve'g at Jos. Rotch's. Rained very hard all the evening.

12th. The Commodore Rodgers — Capt. Smith — sailed for Amsterdam this morning with a cargo of whale oil. Dined with a party of gentlemen at Nat. Hathaway's — had a very sumptuous time — staid till eleven.

13th. The Europa sailed again this morning, but returned, the wind being unfavorable. Dined at W. T. Russell's with a family party.

14th. Commenced raining about noon and continued to storm during the day and evening. A flock of wild geese were seen for the first time this spring.

15th. The Europa succeeded in getting to sea this morning — very high wind all day. The overseers of the meeting visited Mary & Susan for attending J. Winslow's marriage and other offences of equal magnitude.

16th. Sunday — did not go to meeting all day. Read Peveril of the Peak. Warren, Moses & Susan dined with us.

17th. A dull day. A party at brother William's for Jim Coggeshall.

18th. Capt. De Cost left for New York by the way of Newport.

19th. The ministers & elders held a meeting today for the purpose of examining M. Rotch & E. Rodman for their unity with M. Newell, &c.

20th. Commenced snowing this morning about sunrise and continued to snow till noon. A pretty large quantity fell. In the evening more snow fell.

21st. Rather windy. Pretty good sleighing. Took a ride in the afternoon. The horse threw some dirt and snow in my eye, which caused me a good deal of pain and prevented my being at brother Wm's in the evening at a large party.

22d. Confined to the house all day to prevent getting cold in my eye. Cousin Tom spent the greater part of the day and evening with us.

23d. This morning about 3 o'clock sister E. T. Grinnell was confined with a daughter, which is a very pleasing thing to the family. The wind N. E.

From twelve to fifteen small vessels sailed this morning bound to the westward, among them the Rodman for N. York. She had been waiting a wind for ten days. Jere'h Winslow and lady were among the passengers going to embark for Havre at N. York. W. Swain also a passenger for Phila. Cousin Tom, Moses & Susan dined with us. On the 23d of last month I attributed part of the fine spirits which Moses was in to its being his birthday, but since find I was mistaken, and it was all owing to the other source, today being his birthday — twenty years old. This evening Mr. Maffit preached his farewell sermon. Catharine never having heard him, felt a strong desire to attend this meeting. She went with the girls & others. She was not well pleased with the man, and had not much opinion of his sincerity. Miss Arnolds was among those that knelt to receive his prayers. O Mores! O tempores.

24th. Nothing occurred during the day to be noted.

25th. The Brig Parthian — Capt. Nye — arrived this morning, 35 days from Lisbon with salt & wine. We rec'd a quantity of Port wine for our own use and to sell. Capt. Nye brings accounts that there is no doubt in Lisbon but what Spain & France will soon be at war. There was also a report that the French had captured a Spanish frigate.

26th. A steady snow storm all day — more snow has fallen this day than has before at any one time this winter. Capt. Hardin came off from the Vineyard. The Ship Spermo of Nantucket from coast of Japan was in at Oldtown with 2000 bbls. sperm oil — brings a-c of the foll'g Bedford vessels:

June	Roscoe (Swain)	250
Aug. 19	Balaena (Gardner)	1500
Aug. 31	Charles (Coffin)	1250
Aug. 31	Columbus (Brock)	1200
Sept.	Independence (Ham'd)	1450

At Sandwich Islands:

Oct.	Frances (Swain)	1300
"	Triton (Wood)	1200
"	W. & L'pool packet (Briggs)	1300
"	Minerva (Swain)	800
"	Barclay (Glover)	700
"	Com'e Decatur (Tilton)	250

(Leaky & under repairs at the Sandwich Islands).

Phoebe Ann put away for home 6 weeks before Spermo.

27th. The trustees of the Academy had a meeting last evening to alter one of their rules, that no one but a member of the Society of Friends could be a Trustee. Chs. Swain and Alice Brayton passed meeting.

An arrival in to New London from the Banks reports the following Bedford ships:

Jan.	Pacific	1000 bbls.
Jan.	Millwood	1000 "
Jan.	Martha	1400 "
Jan. 16	Timoleon	2000 "
Jan. 6	Midas	900 "
Dec. 14	Maria Theresa	1000 "
Dec. 14	Geo. & Martha	400 "
Dec. 25	Victory	1100 "
Dec. 28	Herald	600 "
Dec. 28	Ann Alexander	1250 "
Nov.	Good return	600 "

28th. Very bad walking indeed — nothing to remark.

29th. The large quantity of Sperm'i oil expected this summer from the Japan fishery by the a-c by the Spermo, is the general topic of conversation, and the general belief that this article will decline to 35 or 33 1-3 cts. p. gall. Retrenchment of expenses in living is the cry on all sides, but few are ready to commence. Cornelius talks strongly of going down to his farm to live, but it will probably all end in talk.

30th. Sunday. Had a fine leg of roast mutton for dinner. Corn's and Capt. Smith dinner. Wind very strong to the eastward, some snow and rain. The Ship Martha from the Banks with a full cargo of whale oil arrived this morning. Nothing later from the whalemen except the Geo. & Martha with 1000 whale & 120 sperm.

31st. The wind blew a gale all night with a considerable snow. The storm continued during the whole day and we had by far the most tempestuous storm this day that we have had the past winter. It is remarked that the month of March this year has been more boisterous than for a number of years.

APRIL

1st. The Brig Union of Dresden (Maine) from the W. Indies with Rum, Molasses, &c. got ashore on Cuttyhunk during the storm yesterday — some prospect of her being got off. The Emily got ashore in Wood's Hole & parted her best cable — sustained no other injury. Yesterday and today's mails did not reach town till eleven this evening — traveling exceeding bad.

2d. The Nantucket packet got off with the friends to the Quarterly Meeting. She spoke the ship that was going down the Sound — it was the Improvement of Nantucket, been out 33 months. The packet men understood them to say that the Swift was on the coast with 1200 barrels which we think must be a mistake. Key of the store broken.

3d. Received a letter from Capt. Glover of the Barclay dated 11 Oct. He was then Wahoo with 800 bbls. After recruiting he intended to go to the coast of Mexico. Also a letter from Capt. Swain of the Minerva at the same place with 800 bbls. He intended to proceed to the coast of California to fill. The Brig Traveller — Capt. Warren — arrived this morning with 200 barrels sperm oil. The whole crew were all blacks. Two of the crew got to quarrelling, and one of them was thrown overboard and drowned — the other was brought home in irons.

Quarterly Meeting day a public friend here from the state of Tennessee. In the last meeting there was some considerable excitement caused, during the business in the appointment of an elder. Philip Dunham made some observations of the importance of an elder, that great care should be taken in selecting them, &c. Corn's Howland (Uncle Casey) followed him and said that he heartily approved the appointment & requested that the meeting would proceed & not pay any attention to what Philip had said, as he had done enough to cause him to be under dealing, by countenancing Contentious and disorderly women (alluding to Mary Newell and Mary Rotch). Andrew Robinson immediately rose and said that is a lie! (meaning they were not contentious). Nothing more was said & the business proceeded. Cousin Tom, Moses and Sue dined with us. In the evening attended a caucus for furthering the election of W. G. Otis for Gov. of the State. The Rodman arrived from N. York.

4th. Our cousin Thos. S. Russell left us this morning in the Sch. Peacock to N. York on his way to Carlisle in Pennsyl'a. Wind N. W. blowing pretty fresh. He had spent about ten months with us and his friends had got very much attached to him. His leaving will cause a blank in our circle which will not be easily filled. In the afternoon the wind got farther to the westward and cousin Tom came back.

5th. Cousin Tom sailed again this morning, wind fair, but the Sch'r got aground on the fort flat and lay there till eleven o'clock, when it was nearly calm. They did not get out of the bay before four o'clock. Wind S. W.

6th. The Peacock put in Padanaram and cousin Tom returned to town, dined and spent the day with us. Warren returned from Plymouth. The Rev. Mr. Taylor, a Catholic priest, preached this afternoon & evening at Whitaker's church.

7th. Town meeting day. A considerable opposition to the old town officers, but the old town clerk, treasurer & collector of taxes was re-elected and other officers to the satisfaction of the better & more respectable part of the inhabitants were elected in opposition to the influence of Holme's Society, and the needy Shaylers that have come into the town the year or two past. Great exertions were made this afternoon by the Democrats in voting for governor. They succeeded in getting a larger vote than has been given since we were separated from Fairhaven.

Gov.—Otis, 325; Eustis, 113.

Lt. Gov.—Noble, 334; Lincoln, 111.

Senators—
Rotch, 372; Hodges, 110,
Starkweather, 335; Mason, 92,
Read, 337; Merribus, 88.

8th. Uncle Elkanah went to Boston this morning after his wife. Wrote Henry Grinnell this morning by cousin Tom (who is still detained by contrary winds) to make a deposit in the Savings Bank in New York of $500 for our son Edward to remain 21 years from the date of the deposit. A ship gone into Tarpaulin Cove this afternoon, supposed to be the Timoleon. The a/c tonight from Boston of the state of the votes there and the neighbouring towns for Governor, are such as to make it very doubtful if Otis the federal candidate is elected, also doubtful whether the senators in this country of the federal ticket will be elected. This will be a mortifying circumstance to Tom Rotch. The New England Gazette, a Democratic paper, published for the first time this day.

9th. Wind N. E. and cousin Tom has succeeded in getting out of sight of Bedford for the first time in his several attempts. It bids fair for him to have a fine passage. The Timoleon, Capt. Starbuck, with 2300 bbls. whale & 250 bbls. of sperm oil and 6000 bone arrived from the Banks, brings no late accounts from the whalemen.

10th. Micah H. Ruggles and Lydia Rodman married. Elisha Haskell's wife died this evening.

11th. Uncle Elkanah & wife returned from Boston — Spent the evening at Nat's.

12th. Got my cask of Port fixed in the cellar to settle. Town meeting day — held in the Friends old meeting house. There was a great excitement on the subject of money for the support of schools. Some wished to raise the sum of $1200 in addition to $1400 already in the town treasury for that purpose. Jas. Arnold and John S. Russell spoke at a considerable length against and Tim G. Coffin in favour of raising the additional sum. The subject was discussed till about noon when the vote was taken by counting of hands; ayes, 76; nays, 91, but there being a good deal of objection to this matter of deciding the question owing to the difficulty of counting the hands, the meeting adjourned till the afternoon to decide it by ballot. T. G. Coffin contended that every man should have the privilege whether he was a legal voter or not, but this was overruled and the subject was decided in the negative, ayes 142; nays, 189. This and other town affairs occupied the remainder of the day. It was the wish of the lower with some of the middling class of the inhabitants of the town & most of Holmes' society with J. A. Parker & Tim G. Coffin at their head, to have all the children of the Town to be educated together at the public expense in town schools, but they found the town too aristocratic to carry a thing of this kind into operation. The Rodman sailed for New York.

13th. A very pleasant day. The brig Franklin — Capt. Delano — with a cargo of oil sailed for Bremen early this morning. Dined at father's — spent the evening at Nat's.

14th. N. Hathaway went to Boston this morning.

15th. The Balaena — Capt. Gardner — 4½ months from Wahoo with 2100 bbls. sperm oil arrived this morning having been absent 20 months, 11 days. Reports the following Bedford vessels later than the Spermo:

At Wahoo in the 11th month 1822.

Maryland (Folger)	1500	bbls.
Minerva Smyth (M'Kensie)	1500	"
Independence (Ham'd)	1600	"
Roscoe (Swain)	600	"

Heard of the following ships in 10th mo.

Abigail (Covell)	1400	"
Columbus (Brock)	1350	"
Geo. & Susan (Upham)	900	"

Capt. Gardner says there is a Russian frigate on the North West enforcing the Emperor Alexander's edict prohibiting all vessels coming near that part of the American coast, he claims. Mary & Susan had another visit this forenoon from the overseers of the meeting to labour with them respecting their dress and address, and informed that they should make a complaint to the meeting. Dined at Cornelius'.

16th. The brig Beneset hauled off in the stream. The brig Elizabeth — Capt. Blackamore — arrived this evening from the Western islands with a cargo of goatskins, salt, &c.

17th. Planted some potatoes & sowed raddish seed. The overseers of the meeting entered a regular complaint in the preparative meeting this day against Mary and Susan for not conforming to the Discipline in the all important points of Dress, Address, attending disorderly marriages, (viz. the marriage of Jere'h Winslow and mine) and frequenting places of public amusements. After some debate it was concluded to carry the complaint up to the monthly meeting next week. The girls have got their feelings a good deal excited, and will probably resign their membership. The girls with Warren & Moses dined with us. In the afternoon the girls came down to the counting room to be weighed — May 94, Sue 90. Katy 88. Mr. Griffiths came in the stage to attend the trial next week in Taunton for his assault on John Randolph, a slave, whom he attempted to carry off.

18th. The Brig Wm. Thatcher — Capt. Allen — arrived this morning at 7 o'clock, 71 days from Rio de Janeiro with coffee and sugar, having made a very bad voyage for the shippers. Capt. sick, not having been able to be on deck for two weeks past.

19th. Planted cucumber and squash seed. The Rodman arrived in 27 hours from N. York, the letters were all carried to the Post Office, which caused much trouble and vexation. Rec'd from Henry Grinnell the first trees I sent for, also a book from the Savings Bank acknowledging the deposit he made for our son Edward. The Beneset — Capt. Gardner — sailed this morning for Charleston, but returned in the afternoon on a-c of the wind. We took tea and spent the evening at father's.

20th. Sunday. This morning we had an edifying sermon from Wm. James on the great importance of dress. He alluded pretty pointedly to Mary & Susan on the sinfulness of their gay attire. Anna Hathaway dined with us. Thos. Rotch, wife and Miss Julia Stockton arrived from Phila., also Eliza Rotch.

21st. Set out the fruit trees received from New York. Some of the crew of the Pacific got in town for a pilot, left her in Tarpaulin Cove with 2000 bbls. whale oil. Nat Hathaway returned from Boston this day — had a cancer out just under his eye. The Ship Persia (Capt. Merrihew) sailed this evening for Savannah to load for Europe. Concluded to go to N. York in the Sophia when she goes.

22d. The Brig Beneset — Capt. Gardner — sailed this morning for Charleston. Dined at N. Hathaway's. The Pacific got up above the Island. Catharine's girl Alice came to live with us this day. W. T. Russell went to Taunton to sit on the Jury. Israel Thorndike and family in town from Boston.

23d. The Ann Alexander — Capt. Bates — from the Banks with 1600 barrels whale oil arrived at noon — brought nothing later from the Bank fleet than before received. At sunset some thunder and lightning with rain.

24th. Monthly meeting day. Mary and Susan resigned their right of membership. Before the business of the meeting commenced Susan went up to the clerk (who had taken her seat) and handed her their resignation and requested her to read it to the meeting, and then they both left. After meeting Mother, Corn's, L. Swain, Anna, Mary & Susan with Moses, came to our house, and we had the doings of both meetings canvassed in great style. In the men's meeting great concern was felt by Obadiah & Job that the meeting should be informed why the marriage of Micah Ruggles was delayed longer than was generally customary. Obadiah said it would be very savory to him if some explanation could be given, that if friends would consult the Lord they would go forward at the proper time and there would be no delay. Peter Barney informed that he attended the marriage and it was orderly conducted & in an arch manner thought the meeting better drop the subject and they had made their report to the first monthly meeting after it had taken place. Oba'h observed that he did not mean to consult the overseers; they, he presumed, had done their duty — nothing further was said on this subject. Nothing occurred to cause much excitement until the women came in to inform they were about denying unity with two or three girls for marrying contrary to discipline. The first cases were disposed of pretty freely, but the last caused them to flag a little, none approved of it but Obadiah & Job (the butchers of the meeting) a considerable pause ensued. When Ben'n Rodman rose & said he rejoiced to find them pause, it appeared they were weary of this work of slaughter & death. The clerk (A. Sherman, Jr.) rose and said that it had fallen to his lot to inform the meeting that they (the overseers) had had an interview with Cornelius Howland, on a/c of some expressions he had made use of at the last quarterly meeting (see 3d inst) that the friend regretted having so done and requested him to make an acknowledgment for him to

the meeting. They had also visited A. Robeson for his reply to Corn's and found the words were entirely unpremeditated on his part. Micah observed he was very well satisfied with the friend's acknowledgment as far as it went, but wished he would go back about a year and make an acknowledgment for the abusive language & insinuations he made in the quarterly meeting about his friend Benj'n Rodman. Nothing further was said & the subject was dropped. At the conclusion of the meeting B. Rodman observed that he intended to touch on the subject of the Select Meeting, that the discipline required that when the monthly meeting thought that another Elder was necessary, they appointed one, but now the Elders were a self-created body, that they took upon themselves to appoint whom they pleased, and were the most forward to approve in the monthly meeting their own appointments, that they were a corrupt branch of a corrupt tree. He alluded in a cutting way to the conduct of Corn's Howland & Caleb Green. Ben's remarks were said to be very good. This is all I learnt worthy of note of the doings of the men's meeting this day.

In the women's meeting much time was taken up in appointing a Committee to wait on Mary & Susan. Twelve were appointed before they could get three to serve. While they were endeavouring to get some one to serve Sarah Arnold requested the clerk to read the communication of Mary & Susan, and that might probably save them from the trouble of the appointment of a committee. They still continued to nominate, and Sarah Morgan also requested that the clerk would read what the girls had handed her. No notice, however, was taken of either of these requests, they being not of the right stamp in the meeting. Now Debby Otis' ire began to rise. She said that it was wrong for the meeting to put the burthen on a few and insisted on some one's accepting the appointment. At last they succeeded and this important trust was given to Sand Wing's wife, Obadiah Davis' wife & Debby Otis. Then they let the subject rest until the other business was completed. When the Clerk read the girls' note & requested to be informed what she should do with it, then Debby said this indeed confirms me, and was echoed by her satellites, and the meeting ended. This alluded to something she had before observed that the overseers had performed their duty and that it was proper for the complaint against the girls to be carried before the monthly meeting. No instructions were given the clerk to put their resignation on the records. The following is a copy of the girl's resignation:

To the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends:

We have heard the report of the Overseers against us (which was laid before the last preparative meeting) for deviations from the Discipline; some of which have long been considered by the Society, not very important in their nature; and not such, we believe, as friends have deemed necessary to lay before their meetings. Altho' we have a regard for the Society, and fully believe in its fundamental principals; — yet considering the conduct of some of the overseers towards us; the spirit in which the report was carried forward; its reception in the meeting; and above all; the present situation of the meeting; we think it most proper to relinquish our right of membership, and not wishing to occasion Friends any trouble, we request that a Committee may not be appointed to visit us; as we are unwilling to subject ourselves to the repetition of interviews similar to those we have had with the overseers.

Signed

Mary Russell,
Susan Russell.

New Bedford
4 Mo. 29, 1823.

25th. Mary and Susan received a note this morning from the committee appointed by the meeting to visit them, requesting an interview at 9 o'clock. They wrote them word they declined seeing them.

26th. The Sophia hauled off in the stream this morn'g. Purchased on joint account with Jos. Rotch 100 bags coffee from the Wm. Thatcher's cargo at 25 cts., 4 mo. credit, and have put it on board the Sophia for exportation. Wm. T. & Warren spent the evening with us. They had just returned from Taunton. Mr. Griffiths case was referred to the Law term.

27th. The Ship Geo. & Martha — Capt. Randall — arrived this afternoon from the Brazil Banks with 2000 bbls. of oil, 150 of it sperm. Brings no late accounts of any whalemen.

28th. This morning at sunrise went off to the Sophia and got under weigh at 10 minutes past 6 o'clock with a fine N. E. wind and were off Seconnet point at 20 minutes past 9, when the wind became very scant and to the S. E. At 10 o'clock we were past Point Judith — at 4 abreast of Watch Hill light, wind south — ¼ past 9 abreast of Gull light. During the night the wind was very light and at S. W.

29th. The wind breezed up again a little about sun rise to the N. E. and at ½ past 8 were abreast of Falkland island light house — wind very light indeed and the weather very pleasant — abreast of Mount Misery at ¼ before 2 o'clock. From this time until 4 o'clock almost calm, when the wind sprang up to the southward with a small breeze. The ship Leonidas which got under weigh yesterday morning soon after we did, and was in sight at sunset, has not been seen today.

At 5 o'clock wind S. W., a considerable breeze. Took in the Royals for the first time off Huntington light house. The breeze lasted but a few moments and it was calm all night with slight breezes. At sunset twenty-seven small vessels in sight.

30th. At day light the wind breezed up fair again. At 7 o'clock Sands point abreast of us. At 20 minutes past 8 we were off Frogs point — the wind very scant. About eleven a pilot came on board and we got thro' Hell gate at ½ past twelve. It was very pleasant sailing from Frogs point to the City from 30 to 40 sail close by us all the time. We arrived at the City at 3 o'clock — took my trunk to Bunker's in Wall Street — found Cousin Tom Russell here, and went with him to Jos. Grinnell's to tea.

MAY

1st. Wind N. E. with some rain — a very unpleasant day. Did not do or see much all day except got a few things to send by the packet. Spent the evening at J. Grinnell's.

2d. This morning took a long walk up the East river with Edward Cruft to see the shipping. We went into the cabins of several of the line ships — they were fitted up in elegant style. Dined at Jos. Grinnell's. In the evening went to the Theatre to hear Matthews in Monsier Tonson. I was very much pleased with him indeed. The scenery of the theatre is superb — the glass curtain had a fine effect, particularly in dancing.

3d. Cousin Tom and myself took a walk to see the Battery, Judds Candle works &c — went on board the steam boat Chancellor Livingston. She is an elegant boat and fitted up in superb style. Cousin Tom dined with me in the afternoon took a long walk in Broadway, Tom to see the pretty girls, and I to see everything I could — did not find many that we could call tolerably handsome. In the evening, as we had nothing to do, we went again to the Theatre. Very few people there when the first act was performed. We counted but eleven persons in the boxes. The play was the Soldiers Daughters, and the after piece was the Forty Thieves. I had seen the same play performed in Boston, but I think there was better acting this evening.

4th. Sunday, Henry, Cousin Tom & myself went to the Roman Catholic Church a little while this morning. The inside of the building is strikingly grand. We soon got tired of their proceedings, left and took a walk to Richmond Hill Garden, which is no great thing — went to I. W. Russell's to dine. In the evening took a walk alone on the Battery. They are at work widening this place, which when done will add very much to its beauty. It was a lonesome walk to me, not meeting among a thousand persons one that I knew. I returned to my lodgings and went to bed at 8 o'clock quite homesick.

5th. Rec'd a letter from Catharine very unexpectedly, which put me in good spirits. Cousin Tom and myself took a long walk and then went to J. Grinnell's to accompany Sally, Sarah, Mary Minturn & Mary A. Russell on board the Cortes, to partake of a collation. Her cabin is fitted up in grand style — red damask curtains, a great deal of gilt work and everything in the neatest order. After returning from the Cortes Henry, Cousin Tom and myself took a hack and went out to see the Stepping Mill which was in full operation. There were thirty persons on a wheel at a time, and as many more seated that every half minute a bell rings by machinery; one comes off & another takes his place, so each have fifteen minutes rest. Up stairs the females were at work. There were about half as many as in the men's apartment. It appeared very hard work for them. From thence we went to Harlem bridge, and had a very pleasant ride. Took tea at J. Grinnell's and staid there till 10 o'clock and returning got as far as the Theatre, and not feeling much inclination to sleep, went in. Mr. Matthews was playing the Polly Packet. His description of the passengers was wonderful. He is a very good ventriloquist. It was astonishing with what rapidity he changed his dress & appeared in a new character.

6th. News received this morning of the Declaration of War by France against Spain, and the hostilities had commenced. This intelligence has caused business to revive and the prospect seems very good for our obtaining a freight for the Sophia today. Very much to my regret, Cousin Tom left here this morning for Phila. I shall miss his company very much. From one to three o'clock I amused myself by walking up and down Wall street and stopping at the Coffee house — every body in a hurry — all bustle & confusion. This afternoon I met a procession of about three thousand children belonging to the Sunday Schools all with badges, and at the schools one of the boys carried a flag on which was painted the name of the church to which his school belonged. Went to see the painting of the ship wreck of the Albion. It was a very dark painting. It did not please my eye much. Took tea at J. Grinnells. Mr. Green was there. Had a great deal to say about Dover — regretted very much his not being there while we were last summer, &c, &c.

7th. Did not do or see much during the day. In the evening felt lonesome and went to the Theatre. The play was the Clandestine Marriage. Mr. Matthews performed, and I was well pleased with the evening's entertainment, particularly so as I met with an adventure. I was seated in the second row, in one of the front seats next a partition, to a box where a tall genteel looking

gentleman sat with two ladies. Just before the afterpiece commenced he turned around to me and requested I would do him the favour to take a seat with the ladies, as he was under the necessity of leaving for a short time, which I did. One appeared to be about sixteen, not handsome — the other, say thirty, quite interesting in her appearance. While the afterpiece was performing, the eldest lady observed, that is Mr. Richies, pointing to one on the stage, and made some remarks respecting him. I did not appear to take much interest in him, and inquired if he performed in the play. She appeared quite struck and said that he was with them during the play, and asked me if I was not acquainted with him. She appeared very much surprised when I told her I had never seen him before, as she understood him to say I was an acquaintance. Then she told me Mr. Richies was her husband and belonging to the Theatre. We had a very pleasant chat. After the performance was concluded and the boxes nearly cleared, and no Mr. Richies appearing, they appeared considerably mortified at their situation. I offered to accompany them home, which they accepted, and thanked me very politely. I must confess altho' I had no right to have any suspicions of them, still I could not help feeling a number of times during the evening that I had been duped by some one, but, however, considering, I was a stranger, I was determined to take things as they should be and not to be too suspicious. I waited on them a considerable way up Broadway, and then down Chamber street towards the N. River and left them at a genteel looking house. There was nothing in their manners or appearance that I could construe aught against, only the singularity of their situation, their accepting my offer to accompany them home, after knowing I was a stranger, and entirely unacquainted with Mr. Richies. They regretted that they had put me to so much trouble, and thanked me for my politeness. I came home undecided in my mind whether I was hoaxed or that they were whom they represented, but I am determined to find out.

8th. A rainy day. Spent most of it in the house. Got an offer to load one-half the Sophia for Hamburg and have her put up for that place. Took tea and spent the evening at Henry's. It seemed almost like home. Not ascertained to my satisfaction about last evening's adventure, but have it in fair train.

9th. The person that I requested to ask Mr. Richies if he did leave his wife in the Theatre, told me that he did but he concluded some of his acquaintance would see in the course of the evening and escort her home, and finding her gone concluded this to have been the case. Received a letter from Catharine and one from Moses. Finished a letter to C. and sent it by mail and in the afternoon wrote again by a sloop. Aunt Sally Russell came from New Bedford in the Rodman. Succeeded this forenoon in obtaining a full freight for the Sophia to Hamburg — John Jacob Astor the principal shipper. Received a very pressing invitation from Henry and Sarah to come and take up my abode with them, which I have accepted, as I did not like Wall street house at all, so much noise and confusion.

10th. Took out of the Ship most of her ballast, ready to commence loading second day. Spent two hours this morning with Sarah to make some purchases for Catharine— took tea and spent the evening at J. W. Russell's and returned to my new residence about 10 o'clock. A very fine day.

11th. Sunday. Went with Henry & Sarah to the friends meeting in Hester street — no preaching worth mentioning. Capt. Crocker arrived this morning from Liverpool. In the evening a large number of Sarah's relations called to see her.

12th. A pleasant day — got all the ballast out of the ship & took in fifty casks rice. The ship Maria which arrived yesterday from London brought over the famed horse Roman. The people were flocking all day to see him. The ship lay alongside the Sophia in the morning and the crowd was so great passing & repassing her deck that we were obliged to get the master of the Maria to let us haul his ship across the dock, but the curiosity of the people was so great that they kept two boats constantly plying between the ship and the wharf and paid 12½ cents each. It was very amusing to see what interest the horse excited. He is said to be a superb horse. I went on board to see him. He has a beautiful head and neck. The Eliza Nicoll arrived at 1 o'clock. Rob't Smith came in her. Rec'd no letter from Catharine, much to my disappointment.

13th. Rained all day. Were unable to do anything on board the ship. Henry and myself dined at Benj'n Minturn's. Had a very pleasant time, and was very much pleased with my visit. His daughters Elizabeth & Penelope were very sociable, as well as their brothers William and Robert.

14th. A pleasant day. Got the coffee & sugar all weighed and taken into the ship again, and about fifty casks of rice stowed away. Put some raddishes on board the Rodman (who was to have sailed today) for Catharine. Sarah had a tea party this afternoon — Jos. & Sally — Aunt Sally — Her mother and Mary Ann. Had a pleasant time.

15th. Made considerable progress in loading the ship. In the afternoon Henry and myself went over to the Navy yard. Went on board and all over the Washington and Idaho, 74 and a new frigate on the stocks nearly completed. I was very much gratified with our new work — returned to my home to tea where a Miss Hartshorn, Eliz. & Pene-

lope Minturn, and Sarah's sister Mary, also William and Robert Minturn. We had a very agreeable evening.

16th. Not very pleasant, in the afternoon it rained, and we were obliged to break off work. Very much disappointed in not receiving any letters from home. Rob't Smith took tea with us at Henry's.

17th. Very warm and pleasant. Spent most of the day on board the ship. Invited to take tea at Geo. Hussey's. Did not go till evening. Found them very pleasantly situated in Broome street — staid about an hour and returned home.

18th. Sunday. Went to Pearl street meeting this morning to hear Edward Hicks from Pennsylvania preach. He held forth for about two hours in a very able manner. He used plain, strong language. The principal subject of his discourse was against experience upon which he expatiated very largely and also had a good deal to say respecting the unchristian spirit that prevailed among many for condemning those who differed from them in some little points. He also deprecated in a very strong manner the Bible & Missionary Societies. Went in the afternoon to Hester street meeting. Edward Hicks was there and he gave us another sermon of more than two hours. His principal topics were the injury done the world by hireling priests. He said he called all hireling priests whether they received pay or not, if they were not commissioned from God to preach. He also had a great deal to say again respecting the injury that was resulting from tradition. Both meetings were fully attended. From what I could learn, I believe his sentiments were generally approved, but among the elder part of the Society there were a number that disapproved his sentiments in some measure. The ship Leeds arrived this day in 23 days from Liverpool, and brings accounts that the French had actually entered Spain and that war had commenced.

19th. Business appeared to have revived a little in consequence of the news received yesterday. Went on board the packet ship Leeds. Her cabin is fitted up in superb style, equal to any parlour I ever saw. Prince Marat, nephew to Napoleon, arrived this day from Hamburgh. He is not very prepossessing in his appearance. His mustachios were not shaved, which gave him rather a savage look. He contemplates spending some time in this country. He got permission to come to this country by agreeing never to enter the Austrian dominions. Mary Minturn & M. Ann Russell took tea with us. About ten o'clock had a very heavy shower of rain.

20th. An excessive warm day. Did not get along much on board the ship.

21st. Busy all the morning arranging so that I could leave in the afternoon for home. Called to see Cousin Fanny & at Jos. Grinnell's. Henry introduced me to Mr. Winnerholm, a young man from Gothenburg going in the steam boat to Providence. Rec'd a note from Capt. Fish to dine with him in company with Prince Marat. In the afternoon left in the steam boat for Newport — found Rob't Smith on board and Thos. Riddle — spent the evening very pleasantly. Found Mr. Winnerholme very talkative. He introduced me to Mr. Perkin, son of Thos. H. of Boston. It was calm all night. Went to bed at 10 but was not able to get much sleep, the jarring of the boat was so great.

22d. Several showers of rain from sunrise till 9 o'clock. Got up this morning at 4 o'clock. Found it much pleasanter on deck than in the cabin. There is upward of sixty passengers on board. A good deal amused with Mr. Geo. W. Sturgis, a supercargo dandy. At 12 o'clock we got to New Port where I found Harry with the horse & gig waiting for me. Went and saw my sister Mary. Dined at Townsend's and at 2 Rob't and myself started in the gig, Thos. Riddle and Henry in a hack, and got home at 8 o'clock. Very much pleased once more to get back to my native village. In the evening the girls, Corn's & Warren were at our house.

23d. Moses left this morning in the Rodman for New York, also Tom Hathaway. The Brig Juno arrived this forenoon. Took tea at Nath's and had a very pleasant evening.

24th. Warren dined with us. Hardly got into the regular routine of business at the store.

25th. Sunday. Corn's & the girls dined with, passed a very pleasant day — did not go to meeting.

26th. Mr. Winnerholm of Gothenburg came in town this afternoon from Providence.

27th. Spent most of the forenoon with Mr. Winnerholm, who dined with me, also Corn's, Warren and Susan. In the afternoon Mr. W. and myself took a ride round the river and returned to our house and spent the evening.

28th. The Ship Martha — Capt. Reed — sailed this morning for the Brazil Banks. Our servant Henry left this day for Boston. Took tea at father's.

29th. A fine rain. The Sloop Ann arrived at 8 a. m. Rec'd a letter from Moses, mentioning that Eclipse had best Sir Henry at the great race on Long Island for a bet of $20,000. Great rejoicings in New York at the successful termination of the race in favour of the northern horse. Mr. Winnerholm spent the evening with us — he leaves tomorrow for Plymouth.

30th. The Brig Wm. Thacher sailed this morning for Bremen with a cargo of whale oil. Paul Howland, mate. In the afternoon the Eliza Nicoll sailed for New York.

31st. The ship Richmond — Capt. Covel — sailed early this morning for the Brazil Banks. A cold wind and a blustering day. The evening pleasant — took a walk with Wm. & Sylvia and Mary up to Father's farm.

JUNE

1st. Sunday. Took a ride with Cath. and Willy over to Padanaram. Mary and Susan dined with us, had roast beef for dinner (a great rarity this season of the year). After dinner found 'Neal and Warren. Took a walk with them back of Uncle Abraham's and returned to Nat's to drink a little wine. The Ship Victory — Capt. Adams — arrived this afternoon from the Banks with 1500 bbls. oil, (70 of it sperm) and 2500 bone.

2d. Thos. T. Churchell failed this day, but it is supposed he will pay all demands against him. Had the large blinds painted in the new room. Ch's W. Fleming arrived in town this evening.

3d. Rec'd a letter from J. W. Russell stating the Sophia sailed last Friday, 30 inst. — makes nearly £900 freight. The Brig Dragon arrived this afternoon with only 150 bbls. whale and elephant oil. They surveyed nearly 300 miles of the coast of Patagonia, but could not find any elephants.

4th. The Rodman got in this afternoon. Rec'd a letter from Moses. Very pleasant weather.

5th. The warmest day we have had this season, the thermometer at 1 o'clock at 80 degrees. Wm. T. and Warren dined with me. John Howland, Jr., and Thos. Hathaway and sister returned from New York by the steamboat. This afternoon the ship Columbus—Brock—arrived from the Pacific Ocean, last from Valparaiso with 1800 bbls. sperm oil. Brought a large quantity of specie for persons in Boston and some for the owners of the Emerald of Fairhaven.

Reports the following ships left on the coast of Japan, Mexico, Peru & Chili.

Nov.	Geo. & Susan (Upham)	1000	bbls.
"	Phenix (Worth)	50	"
"	Swift (Pinkham)	400	"
"	Wm. Rotch (Tobey)	20	"
Dec.	Portia (Ray)	400	"
"	Iris (Hathaway)	1400	"
"	Abigail (Covell)	1700	"
"	Florida (Price)	400	"
"	Charles (Coffin)	1300	"
Mar.	Maria (Sprague)	40	"
"	Mercury (Austin)	150	"

Also arrived the ship Maria Theresa — Wilcox — from the Banks with 2100 bbls. whale oil. Coming into the river the Vineyard pilot ran her on a ledge of rocks to the S. W. of Black Rock — at nearly high tide. The sloop Emily went down this evening to lighten her.

6th. The ship Amazon — Eldridge — from the Brazil Banks with 1500 bbls. whale oil arrived last night — the last ship that will come from the Banks this season. Got up to the wharf at sunset — when also the Maria Theresa came to anchor in the stream, having got off the rocks at high water without sustaining any damage of consequence.

7th. The Eliza Nicol arrived this afternoon from N. York, having lost the head of her mast in a squall night before last in the Race. Rec'd a few lines from Moses mentioning the arrival of the sch. Magnolia — Capt. Hitch — at N. York.

8th. Sunday. A fine rain all day, but rather cold. A young man from near Poughkeepsie by the name of Hill Barton preached a long sermon in the morning. I was not there, but heard he riveted the attention of the whole meeting — he was an entire stranger — known to none in town. Andrew Robeson invited him to dine with him. In the afternoon I went to hear him — he preached about two hours in a very interesting manner. He informed us he had formerly belonged to the Society but was not now, that he considered himself a true Quaker, disclaimed the Discipline and all forms. His sentiments were completely what is called New Light. He is about twenty-four years of age and has a fine countenance. Wrote Cousin Tom a long letter by mail — also to Moses. Henry returned from Boston & resumed his station. Dr. Read's son Wm. Alexander, died this day with dysentery — aged 9 months.

9th. A considerable talk today respecting young Barton who preached; most that I heard of him think him to be a very superior young man. 'Neal, Nat & Macy dined with us. Took tea at 'Neal's with the girls and in the evening went to the Methodist Chapel to hear young Barton, who had appointed a meeting there. The house was well filled. He gave us a very good sermon. A considerable number of young friends were there, but none of the old ones. Sylvia on returning from meeting turned her ancle and sprained it.

10th. Weather very cool. The ship Com's Rodgers — Smith — arrived from Amsterdam 40 days passage. Dr. Read's child buried this afternoon.

11th. Ship Ann Alexander — Bowen — sailed for the Brazil Banks, also Sloop Rodman for New York. Chas. W. Morgan went in her for Phila.

12th. Attended meeting — received a long sermon from young Barton. When he had finished Debby Otis made a few remarks which coincided in sentiment with what Barton had advanced, but desired friends to be careful not to be blown about by every whiff of doctrine &c &c. After this young Barton made a prayer. Before the meeting closed Benj'n Rodman rose and said that his friend Hall Barton would hold a meeting at the

North Baptist meeting house this evening. This being preparative meeting day, they again brought forward a complaint against Ben. Rodman from the overseers without stating for what offence he was complained of, but they were not able to carry it thro' and the meeting ordered it back to the overseers to be remodeled. In answering the Queries, Job Otis said that he thought the one respecting unbecoming behaviour ought not to be answered clear, as they had witnessed that day the unbecoming behaviour of Ben Rodman, in informing friends of the appoint ment of a meeting by one who was not a friend. No notice however was taken of Job's sage remark. Dined at Cornelius' on roast pig. Had company to tea at home — Jos. Ricketson & E. Thornton with their wives Lydia Thornton & Mary and Susan. Had a very pleasant evening. Mary & L. Thornton left to attend the meeting. I could not leave on account of my company.

13th. The girls dined with us. Received a letter by Mail from Moses saying that he should be in Newport on Sunday. About 10 o'clock went down to Uncle Humphrey with Warren — had a supper and a very clever time — received the pleasing intelligence that Mary R. Rotch has agreed to give her hand to Chas. W. Fleming.

14th. The Sch'r Eliza Barke with 125 bbls. sperm oil arrived. Corn's, and Susan, Father & Mary, Jos. Howland and myself left here in gigs at 2 o'clock for Newport to escort Moses home — had a very pleasant ride and got there at 8 in the evening — put up at Townsend's—Hull Barton staid there also — Corn's & him had a long conversation together — he is a very pleasant & interesting companion.

15th. Sunday. Went to meeting. Had a long, dull and uninteresting sermon from Henry Hull, of whose Gospel ministry I did not form a very high opinion of — do not think him equal to his nephew Hull Barton.

Moses got here at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the steamboat from New York. I was very glad to see him. Went to meeting again this afternoon, and had another sermon and prayer from H. Hull — as uninteresting as the morning's service — says too much of himself that has a tendency to disgust his hearers. Heard that Hull Barton walked out to Portsmouth meeting — he appeared in supplication; as soon as Moses Brown discovered whom it was, — He requested him to stop, but he paid no attention to him. Moses continued talking, requested friends to touch him, but no one felt confident enough to lay hands on him. After meeting he got up on an eminence in the yard and addressed about two-thirds of the meeting, who stopped to hear him. His sentiments were generally approved.

16th. Our party went out to a place on the island called Purgatory — a pleasant ride — it is a chasm in a rock — the sides are perpendicular about 15 feet wide — the sea rushes in and gives it rather a wild appearance. Returned to town and left there for home at 11 — got to the Head of Westport at 3 where we dined and staid till 5 — found ourselves at 7 once more at home. Spent the evening at father's.

17th. A warm day. Jos. Rotch went over to Newport this morning to see that Barton had fair play shewn him.

18th. The ship Timoleon — Capt. Starbuck — sailed for the Banks. Sch'r Packer arrived at Fairhaven with 160 bbls. sperm oil — oil has risen at Nantucket to 46 cents cash — it has been as low as 37 cents.

19th. The ships Geo. & Martha — Chase — and the Pacific — Whitfield — sailed for the Brazil Banks. Dined at W. T. Russell's, the warmest day this season. The thermometer in my entry 85°. Friends returned from the Yearly meeting. They are going to apply to the Legislature to get Incorporated.

20th. The Rodman from New York arrived this morning. W. R. Rotch, Chas. Morgan & Sister came passengers. Moses received some cherries and sent them up to our house and in the evening had a party to partake of them. Took a ride after tea to get Clamoors — a very pleasant day.

21st. The ships Phoebe Ann and Good Return hauled into the stream. A pleasant day.

22d. The Rodman left this morning for New York — a fine wind. Corn's went in her. The ship Phoebe Ann — Capt. Rawson — sailed for the Brazil Banks. At meeting this morning Hull Barton rose and quoted that portion of scripture where Christ told the people when asked what they should do with a certain woman, and he told them that they that were without sin to cast the first stone at her &c — he then sat down, but soon rose again, but before he had said many words Corn's Howland asked old friend Rotch if it was not best to stop him as he was not a member. The old man would not pay any attention to him, and Uncle Casey kept silence — and Hull proceeded, but Asa Smith could not rest easy to hear one who was not a member say any thing in meeting, and requested that "dishonest man to take his seat and not disturb the meeting." Frank Taber also upbraided him, but he paid no attention to them and continued on in his discourse, and spoke to us in a very impressive manner. No further opposition was made. He bade as an affectionate farewell and left the meeting before it was closed. After he left, Ben'j Rodman spoke in a very able manner, and much to the purpose — respecting the persecuting spirit among us, and ended with the words of Christ on the cross: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Dined at brother William's — learnt that Hull had an appointed meeting at Rochester, and to testify our approbation of him Catharine & myself with William and Sylvia, Rob't & Lydia Smith and Wm. P. and sister Betsey went over to attend his meeting, and were well pleased with his discourse. After meeting we called to see Micah Ruggles and his wife, and then returned home. Rob't & Lydia took tea with us. A very cool evening — had a fire to keep us comfortable.

23d. A considerable excitement among a good many in consequence of the unchristian treatment towards Hull Barton yesterday. He had an appointed meeting this evening at the Old Congregational meeting house. I attended it and was better pleased with him than at any time before. The meeting was well attended. Jos. Rotch and Ben'jn Rodman sat in the pulpit with him. Green peas in the market for the first time this season.

24th. A fine Rain last night. Wm. T. Dined with us. In the afternoon took a ride round the river.

25th. Mr. Warren & Smith with the girls dined with us today. In the afternoon Moses & Susan, Cath. & myself took a ride to Cummings to buy goods cheap. Took tea and spent the evening at father's. An association of ministers from different parts of the States belonging to the orthodox (Holmes') church, met here today to discuss the state of religion, &c.

26th. Monthly meeting day. At the close of the first meeting B. Rodman informed them his friend Hull Barton would have a meeting this evening at the North Baptist meeting house. Some of the old friends felt rather sour at this. They disowned the girls after some opposition, also Andrew Hathaway for marrying out of the Society.

The Eliza Nicol arrived this afternoon from New York. A son and daughter of Caleb Hathaway of Phila. came passengers in her. It rained in the evening and I did not go to hear Barton — understood he had a pretty full meeting, and preached very well to them.

27th. Dined at a family party at father's. S. L. Shober of Phila. took tea at Father's with us.

28th. Found this morning that during the night Henry had decamped with all his baggage thro' the window in his room — have not been able to learn any tidings of him, but presume he has gone to Hayti in the Sloop William which sailed during the night.

The whole talk of the town is on the failure of Will'm & Gideon Allen — and Hussey & Allen, who have stopped payment this day. Engaged most of the day in reading Quentin Derwood.

29th. Sunday. Ships Midas, Spooner, and Good Return — Terry — sailed for the Brazil Banks. The Boston brig Halcyon with 2100 bbls. whale oil sailed for Rotterdam. The Ann left this evening for New York. Uncle Gid. and daughters went in her on a tour to the westward. Capt. Smith dined with me. Hull Barton left town this afternoon with Mr. Warren for Plymouth on the way to Boston & Lynn — his exit will relieve the minds of many concerned friends. Sloop Emily sailed for Bilboa.

30th. Had a spell of the sick headache. The brig Glide from Boston arrived this morning to take a cargo of oil from Fairhaven.

JULY

1st. By the arrival at Nantucket of the Constitution & Dauphin, we received the following accounts from the whalemen:

Nov. 25	Francis (Swain)	1600 bbls.
"	Independence (Ham'd)	1800 "
Dec.	Wm. Rotch (Tobey)	200 "
Dec. 5	Stanton (Burtch)	600 "
Dec. 23	Alliance (Coffin)	None
Jan. 30	Swift	600 bbls.
Feb. 13	Pindus	200 "

2d. The Rodman arrived this forenoon. Mrs. Perry and her two daughters from Phila. came in her. Took tea at Corn's and in the evening went up to Nat's to see Mrs. Parry.

3d. The ship Millwood — Burgess — sailed for the Brazil Banks. Mr. Warren returned from Plymouth — his brother, the doctor, came with him. Rec'd a letter via Nantucket from Capt. Glover of the Barclay dated at sea Lat. 33° N. Long, 1400 W., Nov. 23, 1822. He says he is going to the coast of Japan once more, that he has 800 barrels.

4th. A pleasant day — rather cool. Nothing done in the village towards celebrating Independence but our Fairhaven neighbors had a public dinner. This eve'n had a supper party of Chowder &c — Mr. Warren & his brother, Wm. T., Nat & Moses — had a pleasant time.

5th. The supper I ate last evening did not agree with me very well, and I did not leave the house 'till afternoon. This evening the Ship Parnasso — Capt. Clark — with 1200 bbls. sperm oil arrived from the Pacific Ocean and brings the unpleasant intelligence of the death of Capt. Eber Clark of our Bark Elizabeth, who sickened and died before they got round the Cape of Good Hope. This account the capt. of the Parnasso learnt from the ship Courier of Newport, who had spoken a vessel that was in company with the Elizabeth on the coast of New Holland, but at what time I cannot learn but hope on the arrival of the Courier to have further accounts who had put away with 1900 barrels for home. The Parnasso also heard from the Wm. Rotch with 500 barrels in January.

6th. Very heavy showers of rain this forenoon. The Commodore Rodgers — Capt. Smith — sailed for the Brazil Banks. De-

voted the day to reading Count Las. Casas' Journal.

7th. Took tea at Nath'ls, then took a walk thro' the north part of the town. It is so much altered within a few years that I hardly knew it to be part of our town.

8th. Very warm and lazy weather — business very dull.

9th. The Ship Victory — Capt. Adams — sailed for the Brazil Banks. The Rodman also for New York. Thos. Rodman went in her on his way to Niagara. The Capt. of the Courier got here this afternoon and says he never heard of the Elizabeth or of Capt. Clark and that the information we heard by the Parnasso is entirely incorrect unless he got the account from some other ship. Took tea at father's — Nat. Hathaway's family there.

10th. The Brig Industry — Parker — from the coast of Guinea with 380 bbls. sperm oil arrived last night. The Ann arrived this afternoon. Nat's family & some other of our acquaintance took tea with us, among them Wm. Swain.

11th. Nothing occurred during the day to note — sultry weather.

12th. The Brig Nautilus sailed for New York.

13th. The Dragon — Bates — sailed for the Brazil Banks. Ben'n Rodman took the high seat during the meeting and preached to them a little. Mary R. Rotch and Ch's W. Flemming were published today. The Herald — Neal — sailed for the Banks.

14th. Spent most of the day at home reading Las Casas's Journal. In the evening went to Jas. Arnold's garden to eat strawberries.

15th. A fine rain all day. Warren dined with us.

16th. The Ann sailed for New York loaded with sperm oil in the natural state belonging to Judd — bo't here at 45 cts. p. gall. cash. In the evening went down to father's to eat Ice Cream. Nothing remarkable occurred this day saving old Isaac Howland's wife was put to bed with a daughter — great event for the old man.

17th. The ship Amazon — Adams — sailed for the Brazil Banks a-whaling. At noon brother Benjamin with his wife and blind child, arrived from Newport — came for the benefit of their healths. Preparative meeting day — nothing done with Ben Rodman.

18th. Brother Ben. left for home this morning. Devoted the day to bottling port wine, rec'd by the Parthian. I filled 300 bottles and stowed them in the wine cellar.

19th. This morning a party consisting of Jos. & Thos. Rotch, B. Rodman, C. Morgan, Wm. Swain, M. Grinnell, Chas. Grinnell, Nat. Hathaway and myself went in the sloop Experiment — Capt. Taber — to the Islands, anchored under the large Weepecket island and commenced fishing. A party put off in the Boat to divide the chance. We did not get many fish, though more than we needed. I was so fortunate as to catch more than any one else, which was but twelve. We had a very good chowder, got under weigh for home about two o'clock — very little wind, and that ahead as well as the tide & we did not get to the wharf till Eleven. Part of the party left the sloop after we got this side the Light, in the whale boat, and got up an hour before we did. We had a very pleasant time, indeed and I enjoyed myself very much.

20th. Have not felt well all day owing to yesterday's dissipation. The ship Columbus — Capt. Brock — sailed this morning for the Brazil Banks a-whaling. The Rodman arrived this evening from New York.

21st. Rec'd accounts by the arrival of the Carrier into N. London from the Pacific Ocean that she spoke Feb'y 22d with 1050 barrels the Minerva, so that we may daily expect her.

22d. The Experiment — Capt. Taber — sailed this morn'g for New York. Thos. Hathaway went on in her. Took my gig to Hall's to have repaired.

23d. Got my hay into the Barn of W. Rotch, 1½ tons & W. T. Russell 2 tons.

24th. Monthly meeting day — a good deal of sparring. Geo. Hussey, wife and Eliza Browne got in town from New York via steamboat.

25th. The Ann arrived this morn'g twenty-five hours from N. York. Brother Corn's cousin Fanny Russell and her mother came in her. Corn's has come home very much pleased with the interior of the State of New York and talks strongly of purchasing a farm and settling on it. Began to rain in the afternoon and continued to all night pretty heavily. We had an invitation to a party at James Arnold's — got all ready expecting Corn's to send his gig for us, but he did not and we were obliged to stay at home. Capt. Smith came in in the evening and we had a little bit of a supper to console for the loss of the party.

26th. The Brig Resolution — Capt. Dunbar — sailed for Bremen with a cargo of oil, and the Ship Maria Theresa — Hillman — sailed for the Banks a-whaling. My niece Amy Barker came this afternoon from Newport to pay us a visit.

27th. Sunday. Benj'n Rodman gave us a sermon this morning. Moses & Susan dined with us. The Eliza Nicol arrived this afternoon from N. York. John Brewer came in her from Phila.

28th. Took tea at Corn's and had a cherry and cucumber party.

29th. Howard came to live with us this day at ten dollars p. month. Took a ride with Amy round the river — went to father's to tea.

30th. This evening Cousin Fanny, Sally E. and Some others spent the evening with us — we had a small supper.

31st. Put some Ising glass to a cask of Lisbon wine to settle it. John R. Mitchell came in town from Plymouth very much pleased to see my old companion — took tea at W. T. Russell's with cousin Fanny & some others.

AUGUST

1st. This afternoon Warren & myself took a ride over to Tucker's to join J. R. Mitchell and some others at nine pins. In the eve'g we had cousin Fanny, her mother and a few others to tea.

2d. John Thornton in town. J. Mitchell left for Nantucket. The Experiment arrived from New York. B. Rodman had an examination before the overseers at the committee room. He proved every thing he had asserted and they have concluded to let the matter rest. Last evening Chas. W. Flemming and Mary R. Rotch were married. J. Thornton took tea with us. Heard they thrust Hull Barton out of the meeting house at Nantucket and would not suffer him to preach. Uncle Elkanah & Rob't Smith got home.

3d. Sunday — very rainy all the forenoon. Jos. Rotch went on to Nantucket and will assist H. Barton. John Thornton also went on. Will'm T. dined with us. The ship Europa — E. Dunbar — and the brig. Franklin — J. Delano — both from Gothenburg loaded with Iron arrived this afternoon. Went up to uncle Abraham's to see L. Smith. When we returned found Warren had been in and carried off the remains of our dinner. We immediately went down to uncle Humphrey's and had a merry time. The Ann sailed for New York this afternoon.

4th. Took a ride with Amy to Padanaram. In the evening a severe thunderstorm.

5th. Reshingled the gutter on the roof of the house and put up a vane on Geo. Howland's barn. After tea took a ride with Amy to the fort — very pleasant.

6th. The ship Charles — Coffin — arrived last night from the Pacific Ocean full of sperm oil. An officer in the Patriot service came passenger in her. Bill Delano also came home in her. Joseph Rotch returned from Nantucket. Hull Barton came with him.

7th. Brig Industry — Parker — sailed on a whaling voyage to the Cape de Verds. At meeting this morning Mr. Clough the Baptist minister preached to them some time. After him Hull Barton began to speak. Caleb Greene requested him to desist but Hull said what he had to before he sat down. Ben Rodman, Mary Rotch and Phebe Johnson had something to say, so they had quite a New Light time. In the afternoon Caleb Greene and Francis Taber had an interview with Clough to take him to do for speaking. John W. Davis, wife and mother arrived.

8th. Had a party to dine consistently of Nat's family, cousin Fanny and some others.

9th. The ship Parnasso — Covil — sailed this morning for the Banks a whaling. Went over to Russell's Mills with a party of Gentlemen to roll nine pins. John Davis with us. Father bought the old meeting house at auction for $275 and has offered the use to Hull Barton to hold meetings in. The Ann got in this evening. Hen'y Grinnell & wife, Miss Whitridge and Thos. Hathaway came passengers.

In the evening went to the Methodist Chapel to hear Hull Barton.

10th. Sunday — attended meeting all day. Hull Barton preached both in the morning and afternoon — no opposition was made to him. Dined at Corn's. Was at father's between meetings when I met Hull and Ben Rodman. In the evening at Wm. T. Russell's in company with H'y Grinnell and wife.

11th. Subscribed for a share in the old meeting house, father having given up his right to it. Rainy day. Took tea at father's with H. Grinnell and lady, Mrs. Davis & others.

12th. Employed in fitting a stone open drain from the house.

13th. Hull Barton left this morning for New York in the Experiment. A pamphlet came out this morn'g against Hull, supposed to have been written by Job Otis. Had a party to dine with us for Henry Grinnell & wife and fourteen others in the evening — had some others to tea and then a little bit of a dance.

14th. Took tea with a party at brother Wm. T. — had a pleasant evening.

15th. Dined at Cornelius' — most sick all day with a cold and head ache. Wm. R. left for Princeton to wait on his wife home.

16th. Unpleasant weather with some rain. Invited to Chas. Swain's to eat Lobster at 11 o'clock with H'y Grinnell and some others. In the evening at a ball at Thos Rotch's. Mrs. Rotch played on the Piano and Mr. Flemming on the flute — enjoyed myself very much — got home about twelve o'clock.

17th. Sunday. Henry Grinnell, Wm. Warren and Wm. T. dined with me today.

18th. This morning a party consisting of Henry & Sarah, Corn's & Betsey & Moses Grinnell, Wm. T. & Sylvia. Cousins Fanny & Sally Russell, Susan Davis, Wm. C. & Eliza and Hannah Nye, Lydia Smith, Mary

and Susan Russell, John Smith, Chas. H. Warren, Catharine & myself, took a ride to Horse Neck beach to spend the day. We had a fine ride on the Beach, where we found some men a seining. We bought some Bass and made a chowder, and dined on the Rocks from the provisions we carried with us, and the chowder. We returned to Tucker's to tea and played nine pins — stayed there till sunset. Found the tire on one of my chair wheels broken — tied it up so that I got home without any further injury to the wheel. Catharine rode home in one of the carriages and I took Henry Grinnell with me. Just after they entered the new road, the carriage broke down that Cath. was in, but they met with no accident and all got home safe and pretty well tired. Cousin Fanny, Mary & Susan, J. Smith, Warren and Corn's stop'd and spent the evening with us. Capt. Smith was in his best spirits, and we had a merry evening. The day was very pleasant and we all enjoyed ourselves very much.

19th. Forenoon rainy. Matthew Barker came off from Nantucket for the purpose of selecting him a place to erect a salt works.

20th. Matthew & myself took a ride to view the salt works on the Acushnet, at Padanaram, and at the Cove, which occupied the whole of the day. Wm. T. Russell went to Newport today. John Coggeshall's daughter Emily died.

21st. This morning at seven o'clock Corn's, Sam'l Leonard, Matthew and myself went over to Westport thro' Russells Mills and over Hicks Bridge, then up the River about a mile to a small farm of Seth Russell's but found the water too fresh for salt works — returned to Tucker's to dine. After dinner we went down to his farm, where we staid some time. The situation did not suit Matthew. We got home about sunset and I found our ship Minerva — Capt. Swain — had arrived from the Pacific Ocean full of sperm oil. She brought Ten thousand dollars in Specie for some persons in Boston. Wm. R. and his wife arrived from Princeton. Wm. T. returned from Newport.

22d. M. Barker left for Newport. Engaged in discharging the ship. The captains of two Nantucket ships arrived here on their way home, having cast away their ships on some unknown reefs on the coast of Japan. The ships were the Lion and the Two Brothers. The captains came passengers in a ship arrived in Boston yesterday.

23d. Finished discharging the Minerva — very pleasant weather.

24th. Sunday. This morning Catharine, the children & myself took a ride to Sconticut point — very good road and a pleasant ride. Moses, Susan & Mr. Warren dined with us. Philip Dunham gave a long New Light sermon. In the afternoon Corn's & Mary, Moses & Sue and ourselves took a ride around the river. In the evening Cousin Fanny & Sally, Wm. & Sylvia with the girls stopped in and we had a little supper.

25th. Jeremiah Hubbard, a friends minister, here — also Mr. Webster and John Thornton.

26th. Got the account of the Minerva's cargo — she turned out 1123 bbls. about 1-3 Head. In the afternoon friend Hubbard had an appointed meeting and gave us a long and windy sermon. I do not form a very high opinion of his spiritual preaching. Henry & Sarah Grinnell returned from Boston.

27th.

28th. Very pleasant weather. At a large party at uncle Elkanah's. The ship Charles — Capt. Joy — sailed for the Banks a whaling, also the brig Protection to the Cape de Verds and the Brig Elizabeth, — Blackmer — for the Cape de Verds a trading voyage. Amy left us today for Nantucket with John & Lydia Thornton. Henry, Sarah, cousin Fanny, the girls & Moses dined with us. Monthly meeting day. Corn's handed the clerk his resignation to his right of membership, and made a few observations & left the meeting. At brother William T., at a corn pudding party.

29th. This morning Dr. Stebbins (who is Innoculating the children in town who have not been) Innoculated William & Edward. The Rodman left this afternoon for New York. Took tea at James Arnold's.

30th. The Ann arrived about noon. Aunt Sally and cousin J. L. Russell came in her. L'd Stockton & lady arrived this evening to Wm. R.'s, also I. W. Davis and his cousin Dr. Niles.

31st. Dined at father's — had a pot pie party at our house in the evening. The Brig Franklin — Jos. Delano sailed for the north of Europe with a cargo of whale oil & 1000 bbls. sperm strained oil & 100 boxes sperm'i Candles.

SEPTEMBER

1st. Took tea at Wm. Nye's with a large party.

2d. Dined at Corn's with a party for I. W. Davis.

3d. Left this morning with a party for Gayhead. After we got out in the Bay the wind was so far a head we had to give up the idea of going to Gayhead, and ran down to Kettle Cove, and made a chowder, then went a shore and walk'd across the Island to Tarpaulin Cove, and staid some time there, then returned home. We were an hour & twenty minutes from Kettle cove to the wharf. We had the sloop Ann. The party consisted of J. W. Davis, Henry & Moses Grinnell, W. C. Nye, E. Tallman, Rich'd Williams, Capt. Randall & myself — got home about

8 o'clock — found Cath. gone to a party as Jos. Rotch's.

4th. Dined at father's with a party and in the evening took tea at aunt Perry's. Rec'd a letter from H. I. Merk & Co. Hamburg, mentioning the arrival of the Sophia in 32 days from N. York.

5th. Henry and Sarah Grinnell left this morning for New York in the Experiment.

6th. The ship Abigail — Covill — arrived from the Pacific Ocean with 2200 barrels Sperm oil. Mr. & Mrs. Davis, Cousin Fanny, the girls, Warren and Moses dined with us today.

7th. Rainy day. Dined at Wm. T. with a gentlemen party. J. W. Davis, W. C. Nye, Warren & R. Smith. Spent the evening at father's.

8th. John Whitridge in town from Baltimore. J. Coggeshall, Jr. sold his part of the Minerva's cargo to Sam'l Judd for 48 cents p. gallon. John Davis returned home.

9th. The Rodman arrived from New York. Thos. Hazard, Jr. here from New York. Cousin Fanny & Sally with Corn's & Mary at our house in the eve'g.

10th. Nurse Mary left this morning for a Newport on a visit. Cousin Jos. Russell dined with me.

11th. Employed Scipio in setting out strawberry vines & raspberry bushes in the north lot. Phebe Johnson and Eliza Rotch took the high seat at meeting this morning.

12th. Cousin Fanny and her mother left this forenoon in the Rodman for New York, with a fine wind.

13th. The Brig Minerva — Capt. Tucker — arrived this morning from Marseilles with a cargo of Red wines.

14th. Sunday. This morning at meeting Phebe Johnson and Eliza Rotch again took the high seat. Pretty soon Debby Otis made some observations, alluding to them. Phebe followed her and spoke very well. Ben. Rodman joined with Phebe and Susan Howland backed Debby. The Brig Clitus — Capt. Almy — with a cargo of iron, arrived this morning from Stockholm.

15th. The Eliza Nicol sailed for Phila. with a cargo of sperm oil.

16th. Cousin Joe Russell dined with me. The Experiment arrived from N. Y. The Brig Osprey — Capt. Nye — from Amsterdam. In the evening Mr. Warren, Thos. Hedge and Capt. Smith at our house — gave them a cut of cold beef.

17th. The Ann sailed this morning for N. York. Ann Parry and her two daughters left in her. Moses has concluded to go Supercargo of the brig Minerva to South America and up the Mediterranean Sh.

18th. Busily employed during the day in posting James Arnold's books. Wm. & Lydia Swain spent the evening with us.

19th. Warren dined with me. The Rodman arrived this afternoon 21 hours from N. York.

20th. In the evening at father's making memorandums for articles for Moses to get for the Girls on his voyage.

21st. This morning a fine wind for the Brig, but some of the sailors being out of the way, the Brig did not leave till 2 o'clock. Corn's went out in the vessel and left them at 4 o'clock off the Sow & Pigs with a fine breeze. It was pretty hard for Moses to leave home for so long a time, but he mastered his feelings pretty well, considering all circumstances. For the first time in my life a tear moistened my eye on parting with a friend. For nearly five years he had been my companion in the counting room and endeared himself to me so much that I can truly say I felt for him all a brother's love. He goes from here to Pernambuco, from thence up the Mediterranean to Trieste and will be absent from eight to ten months. John Whittridge and Cousin Jos. Russell dined with me. At meeting this morning Benj'n Rodman and Eliza Rotch took the head of the Galleries (or high seat). The latter made some observations on her having that duty to perform.

22d. Every thing in the counting room put me in mind of Moses, the loss of whose good company I already begin to feel. In the evening Mary & Susan, Corn's & Betsey with Warren spent the evening with us. We had a fire for the first time this season, which was very comfortable.

23d. Weather unpleasant and cold. Warren dined with us.

24th. A cold N. E. storm. The Experiment sailed this morning with a full cargo of oil & candles.

25th. This evening the girls with Warren and Smith spent the evening with us — had a pleasant evening, but would have been much more so could we have had our good Moses' company. Heard of the death of Thomas Rotch of Kendal, Ohio. Monthly meeting day. The old lights tried hard to get Corn's out of meeting without accepting his resignation, but were opposed by W. Rotch, Jr., Sam'l Rodman & others, and they put it off for another month.

26th. The Rodman sailed this morn'g. Mrs. Davis dined with us, with Mrs. Smith, Mary & Warren. In the evening had an invitation from Lem. Williams to attend their meeting to hear a lecture from Mr. Dewey, which we attended.

27th. The Sophia went into Tarpaulin Cove this forenoon from St. Ubes with a cargo of salt. We sent P. Mosher to her

to pilot her to New York. The boat that took him to her had not returned at sunset.

28th. Sunday. This morning at meeting had divers much preaching from seven different persons, among the number Eliza Rotch and Phebe Johnson, who both took the high seat when they came in to meeting.

Warren dined with us. After dinner Catharine, the children and myself took a ride to the head of the river.

The Ann arrived last night. Thos. Swain and Abm. Grinnell came passengers. Rec'd a letter from Capt. Crocker & a new suit of clothes which he purchased for me in Liverpool. Mosher's boat had not returned from the cove this evening.

The Sophia was not in the Cove this morn'g.

29th. The Brig Beneset — Capt. Gardner — arrived from St. Ubes. R. R. Plummer got here at noon. He left the ship at the cove. He is very well. They had 33 days passage from St. Ubes and have on board about 7000 bushels of salt. In the evening quite rainy. Warren 'Neal, 'Nat, Capt. Smith & Dr. Whitridge spent the evening at our house.

30th. William's birthday — two years old. Mary Harris returned from Newport. This morning I started with Joseph Rotch in my gig to take him on to Newport on his way to New York with his family. We had not got but ten miles from town before the tire of one of my wheels came entirely off and we were obliged to stop and get the gig out of the road, and I walked back half a mile to a Blacksmith's shop who let us have an old wagon, and promised to put the tire on so that I might have the gig on my return. We had not proceeded far before we lost one of linch pins, and we came very near coming to the ground, but discovered it just in time. Got to the Bridge at 2 o'clock where we dined, and were in hopes to have obtained a better carriage to convey us to Newport, but were not able to get one, so we proceeded on in the crazy old vehicle — got to town without sustaining any other damage except breaking down the seat. Joseph and family went to Mrs. Dupee's and I to brother James' who was at home, expecting to leave in a few days for New Orleans.

OCTOBER

1st. Left Newport this morning at nine o'clock. The steamboat left for New York at sunrise. J. Rotch came near being left, as it was not known that she had altered her hour of starting. Got along quite uncomfortably in the old wagon. Being alone I got a sound jolting and was well pleased to get into the gig again. Got home at 2 o'clock. The Experiment arrived this afternoon. Rec'd a letter from Henry. Took tea at father's; Nat and Anna, Mrs. Tom Rotch and some others there a-quilting.

2d. Fine pleasant weather — the Indian summer. Seaver and Hedge here from Plymouth.

3d. Mary and Susan dined with us. Nothing remarkable occurred this day.

4th. Wrote Fish & Grinnell to endeavor to procure some business for the Minerva. Sent Capt. Crocker a box of sperm candles as a present. A meeting this evening of the merchants for the purpose of framing a petition to Congress to have a tax laid on Tallow.

5th. Sunday. At meeting this morning as Eliza Rotch was passing up the aisle to take her seat on the high seat, Debby Otis moved her seat to block up the passage. Eliza stopped and stood in the aisle for 10 or 15 minutes, then took another seat. She did not have anything to say during the meeting. Phebe Johnson came in after Eliza, took the high seat by passing Debby. After sitting some time she arose and denounced a woe upon those who interposed the work of the Lord, and cut poor Debby up very handsomely. M. R. Fleming had a little to say, but spoke so low I did not hear her, but understood she commenced with "Touch not the Lord's annointed." Debby and Susan both had a deal to say. In the afternoon Phebe and Debby had a good deal of spatting.

Cornelius and Susan, Nat. and Anna, started this afternoon for Worcester to attend the Cattle Show at that place, and return by the way of Boston to be at the Cattle Show at Brighton. Mary, Catharine and myself spent the evening at Thos. Rotch's. Mr. Warren, Wm. R. and his wife were there. Minister Dewey was the general subject of conversation. They all have an exalted opinion of his talents and the Society is endeavoring to get him established over their Church. Rained very hard in the evening.

6th. The Brig Ospray, Capt. Nye, and the Ann, Capt. Wood, sailed for New York with a fine wind. The Rodman arrived from New York. Capt. Cathcart came in her.

7th. Had Capt. Cathcart, R. C. Plummer and Warren to dine with me. Thos. Rotch's wife left this morning for Philadelphia via Newport.

8th. Took tea at Father's and spent the evening at Wm. R.'s. Miss Hedge in town from Plymouth.

9th. The Brig. Wm. Thatcher arrived this morning from Bremen via Turk's Island, where she intended to have stopped and taken in a cargo of salt, but having a head wind for three days Capt. Howland concluded to come home and take a fresh start.

10th. Great commotion in town occasioned by a number of suspicious looking

sailors about. In the afternoon they were taken up, being seven in all. Their captain was a young fellow about three and twenty, had been pretty well cut all day. He said he was the prize master put on board a Spanish Brig captured by a Columbian privateer (in which service he belonged), that they were bound to Laguira that off Porto Rico they fell in with a vessel bound to Saco (Maine) and his sails being very bad he made a bargain with this Saco vessel to take in his cargo and men and desert his prize, and when they got into the Vineyard Sound, he concluded that he could get to New York easier than by going to Saco. They there left the vessel and come over here in a boat. They all told the same story, but it was the opinion of the mate, as well as most everyone else, that the prize master had sold his cargo to the Saco vessel and meant to keep the proceeds himself. He appeared to have plenty of money. He said his name was Mosher, son of the President of one of the Baltimore banks. C. H. Warren was his lawyer, to whom he gave a Doubloon. In the evening he left town for Newport to take the steamboat for New York. The collector has written to Saco to have the vessel stopped.

11th. Very busy all day attending to Thos. Rotch's business. In the afternoon there was a town meeting (adjourned from the 4th inst.) respecting the petition to Congress, and a committee was appointed to procure subscribers.

12th. Sunday. The Experiment and the Brig Annawan sailed for New York, Aunt Bethia in the former and Edward Russell in the latter. The Brig Hope arrived 83 days from Gothenburg with a cargo of Iron. At meeting Eliza Rotch and Phebe Johnson on the High seat. The latter had considerable to say. The Congregationalists have concluded to establish Mr. Dewey over their church and have the house enlarged. Warren left town for the state of Maine. Betsey and Mary dined with us.

13th. The Ann arrived from New York; John R. Mitchell came in her. In the evening we had quite a tempest. Most sick all day.

14th. My birthday — twenty-six years old. Took tea at Father's. Cornelius and Susan returned this afternoon from Boston, much pleased with the Cattle Show at Worcester. Some jarring among a part of the company, then rendered their jaunt not so pleasant as it might have been.

15th. Dined at Cornelius with Mary and Susan, William and Sylvia and L. Smith. We had a grand dinner of stall fed wild pigeons roasted and a partridge pie. Had a real pleasant time.

16th. Rainy afternoon. Put up a barrel of apples to send Henry Grinnell. Preparative meeting day. The old lights succeeded in getting in W. C. Taber as clerk, though not without some opposition. Cornelius quite sick with the colic.

17th. Heard from the Experiment in New London. She arrived there the evening of the 13th. Just as she let go her anchor she was struck with lightning. Shivered her topmasts and mast. Cut away her lanyards on one side and passed off from the vessel by the chain cable which was made fast to the mast. All the persons on deck were knocked down but no one was injured.

18th. Mrs. George Brayton was delivered of two fine girls at noon this day. Capt. Smith returned from Boston and brought me Butler's Hudibrass. Mary, Susan and Lydia Smith took tea with us.

19th. Sunday. Eliza Rotch and Phebe Johnson still continue their station on the High seat. The latter had considerable to say. Mr. Smith and sister Susan dined with us. We drank our good Moses' health in a Bumper. He has been gone four weeks this day. Took tea and spent the evening at Cornelius'. Jos. Rotch returned from New York, Miss Stockton with him. Wm. T. received a letter from Henry mentioning that Moses was spoken five days out to the Southward of Newfoundland bank — a good run thus far.

20th. The Brig Parthian Bourne arrived from Stockholm with a cargo of iron. In the afternoon Wm. and Sylvia and Catharine and myself took a ride to Cummings a-shopping.

21st. Agreed to let Elisha Handy have the Wm. Thatcher at the halves to go to the Southward and run to the West Indies.

22nd. Dined at Father's on stall fed wild pigeons. The ship Europa and Brig Juno sailed this morning for the southward.

23rd. Monthly meeting day. A committee was appointed to draw up a complaint to send to New York against Phebe Johnson, and another to England against Eliza Rotch!! Put on board the Ann a barrel of apples and a half barrel of cranberries for Henry Grinnell and a half barrel of cranberries for Cousin Fanny Russell. The monthly meeting decided to accept Cornelius' resignation, but not without some opposition.

24th. Joseph Rotch purchased of John Coggeshall, Jr., his half the ship Minerva for $2000 to be paid in strained oil to the amount of $850 at 40½ cts. a gallon, the remainder of the amount of our note vs. John turned over to Joseph which he is to pay us for when convenient. Took tea at Father's, Chas. Whalen there from Saratoga Springs.

25th. The Ann sailed this morning from New York. Received a letter from Cousin Thos. Russell at Philadelphia, wishing me to

endeavour to raise some money to set himself up in business in Tennessee.

26th. Sunday. A short sermon from Eliza Rotch in which she related the treatment which Ben Rodman received last fifth day at Lynn meeting. While he was speaking some of the head Devils laid hold of him and dragged him out of the house. About thirty persons left the meeting in disgust. He had said nothing that was in the least way exceptionable, but that spirit of persecution which they possess in such an eminent degree would not suffer him to bear testimony among them. Mary and Susan dined and spent the remainder of the day with us. In the evening Cornelius, D. Whitridge, Mr. T. and Cousin Abey gave us their company.

27th. Rainy day. Burnt out the chimneys at the house.

28th. Another unpleasant day. Cornelius, Mr. Smith and Mary at our house in the evening. Had a little bit of a supper.

29th. Left home this morning for Taunton. Turned in by Jireh Swift's and went by Rounseville's furnace, through the Beech Wood country to W. B. Canedy. Got to Taunton at one o'clock. Called on C. Richmond and Otis for the purpose of purchasing some cotton goods for the Minerva. Mr. Otis accompanied me and a Mr. Chevers from Philadelphia through several of their cotton and iron factories, and to their new building being erected for printing calicoes. Spent the afternoon very agreeably. Stayed at Atwood's.

30th. Left Taunton this morning at ten. It was cold and very unpleasant. Got home at 2 o'clock. W. R. Rotch's wife presented him this morning with a girl, their second child. The Experiment arrived this morning. Benjamin Rodman this morning read a few pages in meeting from Wm. Penn's works. He was ordered to sit down by uncle Casey. Cornelius, Wm. T., Dr. Whitridge, Capt. Smith and Mary were at our house in the evening. Had a cold supper. The captain was in one of his best trims and we had a very pleasant evening.

31st. Weather still unpleasant. Coppered one side the Minerva. Went to meeting in the evening at the "Independent Tabernacle" to hear Dr. Stebbins, a preacher of the New Jerusalem church. His doctrines rather too deep for my comprehension. E. Thornton, Jr.'s wife added another to their stock of children this morning—a girl.

NOVEMBER

1st. The weather still very unpleasant. Not able to do much with the ship. Spent the evening at Father's.

2d. Sunday. A meeting at the Independent Tabernacle today of Universalists. Did not attend. Wrote a long letter to Cousin Tom in answer to his of the 21st of last month. Offered to loan him three hundred and fifty dollars, and gave him an invitation to come and spend the winter with us, if he does not find anything to do this winter in Philadelphia. In the evening Jos. Rotch, Cornelius and Capt. Smith spent the evening with us, and had a very sociable time and a little supper. They stayed till past 12 o'clock. Jos. Rotch wrote today to New York ordering the Sophia here to send her a-whaling, if there was no immediate prospect of business for her there.

3rd. Finished coppering the Minerva. The weather now very pleasant. Had radishes for tea from the seed that grew this year. They were very good. This evening I ate the apple which grew on my English Royal dwarf received from France this spring. It was in bloom when set out. The color red and white and very fine flavour.

4th. The Brig Planter arrived with 150 bbls. sperm and 350 ds. Humpback. The Ann arrived in the afternoon. Aunt Bethiah and Wm. Howland (Peleg's son) came in her. Catharine's carpet and some other things from oil. Spent the evening at Nat's. Had a grand supper of broiled eels.

5th. Joseph Rotch dined with me. Cousin Fanny also came. Took tea at Father's.

6th. Sent to Worcester to purchase a cow. Took tea and spent the evening at Cornelius' with the girls. Rained in the evening.

7th. Dined at Joseph Rotch's with Capt. Smith and R. C. Plummer, Mary and Susan at our house to tea. A rainy day. Mary R. Fleming returned from Boston.

8th. The Experiment sailed for New York. Heard of the surrender of Cadiz to the French. Charley Warren returned from Maine. He, Capt. Smith and Cornelius spent the evening with us.

9th. Sunday. The ship Young Phenix, Capt. Jos. Dunbar, arrived this morning in the short passage of 32 days from Gothenburg with 350 tons of iron. An agent of Barclay's house came passenger in her. Mr. Dewey held his meeting at the Independent Tabernacle, which he will continue to do while they are enlarging his meeting house. I went all day to hear him, and was much pleased with his sermons. Sister Sue Warren and Capt. Smith dined with us.

10th. Rainy. Did not do much to the ship.

11th. James Arnold in town from Boston. Busy in getting the Wm. Thatcher ready for New York.

12th. House cleaning at home. Dined at Father's. Wrote Moses a long letter to send to New York to be forwarded him at Gibraltar.

13th. Nothing.

14th. The Minerva Smyth, Capt. McKenzie, with 1800 bbls. sperm oil arrived from the Pacific ocean. Brings no news.

15th. In the evening at Father's the girls had a party of young ladies. Had quite a merry time.

16th. Sunday. The Wm. Thatcher having been ready a number of days waiting for a wind to go to New York, sailed this morning. Capt. Mosher went on in her to bring the Sophia here to fit a whaling.

Went to hear Mr. Dewey preach. He gave us a very interesting extemporaneous discourse. Wm. Thomas and Lucy Whitridge, Wm. Howland and sister Susan dined with us. In the afternoon went to the Quaker meeting. Had no preaching. In the morning meeting Phebe Johnson took the high seat as usual and stood up nearly all meeting time. She and Eliza Rotch both had considerable to say.

17th. Very cold with a considerable fall of snow. In the evening went to Uncle Humphrey's with Nat and Anna. Had a supper of souse and sausages.

18th. Heard of the Parnassus getting 150 bbls. sperm oil and shipped it home by the Brig Nautilus. Spent the evening at Wm. Swain's.

19th. The Experiment arrived from New York. Received a stove for the store. Edward Russell came passenger. The ship Enterprise from Havre arrived this evening. Stopped here to get some officers and stores and then to proceed to the Banks a-whaling. Had an alarm of fire in the evening. An old house next south of Peter Barney's took fire, but was extinguished without doing any material injury. Nat. and Anna, the girls, Sally E., Jos. Rotch and Capt. Smith spent the evening with us. Had a small supper. William James died very suddenly this afternoon.

20th. Thanksgiving Day. Dined at Nat. Hathaway's on a roast leg of venisoned mutton. In the evening went to the grand Oratorio. The Sophia got here from New York.

21st. A very pleasant day. A good deal of business doing on the wharves, everything wore a lively appearance. The New England Gazette — which last week while Mr. Warren was absent changed its politics in favor of Calhoun — this day came out again in favor of Adams.

22d. Rainy morning. In the afternoon nearly completed taking into the Minerva. The "Select Meeting" has denounced Mary Rotch and intends entering a complaint against her at the monthly meeting. Bought a quarter cask (24 gals.) Madeira wine of Capt. Lumbard and put it to settle this day. Heard of the failure of the Macy's at Nantucket.

23d.—Sunday. Mr. Warren returned from Plymouth last evening and brought me three Brant. He and N. Hathaway dined with us. They were very fine. Did not go to the meeting all day but stayed at home making out invoice of the Minerva's cargo. Philip Dunham read in meeting a part of the Discipline respecting liberty of conscience, which gave much umbrage to the old school.

24th. Got everything on board the Minerva ready for sea.

25th. The Minerva sailed this morning but returned again, the wind not being fair after getting into the Bay. A very stormy night. Killed one of my pigs.

26th. The Minerva succeeded in getting to sea this morning. Nearly calm all day. Evening very foggy. Capt. Smith and Cornelius dined with us on spare rib. Parthian sailed for Philadelphia.

27th. Monthly meeting day. Great excitement among the good friends of the Society in consequence of the Select meetings entering a complaint to the monthly meeting against Mary Rotch and Elizabeth Rodman, and wishing to expel them from the Select meeting "for rising to the vocal prayer of one who was not a member of the Society and attending her meetings." Although ten or twelve opposed them, still they were determined to carry their points, but by some mistake the men's meeting was broken up before the women were ready to send it in for their concurrence, and therefore they were defeated in their plans this month.

28th. Dined at N. Hathaway's. The ship Florida, Capt. Price, arrived from the Pacific Ocean with 1800 bbls. sperm and 60 bbls. whale oil. Spent the evening at Nat's. Had a supper and a good time. J. Rotch, Smith, Warren, etc. were there. Brig Sarah, Abm. Grinnell, sailed for New York.

29th. Took tea at Father's. In the evening J. Rotch, Warren and Capt. Smith were there. We played Bagatelle. Returned home about ten. They accompanied us. We had a little supper and a real good time. Warren and Smith were full of mirth and spirits and they kept us in a roar till one, when they departed.

30th. Went to the Quaker meeting this morning. Russell Davis gave us a sermon, replete with his usual sense and good language. In the afternoon Phebe Johnson and Debby Otis had some sparring and as usual the latter got the worst of it.

DECEMBER

1st. Received a cow from Worcester. She is to calve in March or April. A very pleasant day indeed. This evening at 8 o'clock Sister Sylvia brought into the world a boy, much to the satisfaction of the concern.

2d. A pleasant day. Warren and Capt. Smith spent the evening with us.

3d. Matthew Barker came from Nantucket to attend the quarterly meeting. Stayed at our house. William Howland dined with us.

4th. Quarterly meeting day. A good deal of preaching in the first meeting. Eliza Rotch and Phebe Johnson took the head of the High seat. Both had something to say. Have not learnt of anything of importance transpiring in the business meeting. Father, William, Cornelius and the girls dined with us. About sunset a very severe storm commenced which lasted till midnight. Rained very heavily indeed. The girls stayed all night with us. Jos. Rotch had a supper party this evening. My having company prevented my going. Understood they had a very moderate time. Solomon Hitchman, a laboring man, found dead in the street after the storm.

5th. Mr. Barker went to Westport to look at a farm. Went with Catharine and the family to see the "Grand Caravan of Living Animals" consisting of three lions, a tiger, a panther and divers many other beasts of the forest with a wilderness of monkeys.

6th. Devoted the day to piling up wood at home and overseeing Howard saw. Found the old adage true that the eyes of the master are worth more than his hands.

7th. Sunday. The Ship Independence Hammond arrived this morning from the Pacific ocean with 2000 bbls. sperm oil. Went to the Quaker meeting in the morning. Had divers much preaching from Phebe, Eliza Rotch and others. Lydia Smith dined with us. In the afternoon went to hear Mr. Dewey L. Smith, L. Greene, Mary and Susan with Warren took tea with us and spent the evening. Had a little bit of a supper and a very clever time.

8th. Spent the day at home attending to domestic concerns.

9th. Josiah Wood and son stopped payment this day, but will probably get under way soon. Received a letter from Capt. Lumbard of the Minerva. He had 70 hours passage to the Cape of Virginia. He had purchased 1100 barrels of flour at Richmond for $5.70—100 per barrel.

10th. The first snow storm this winter. Not much fell and it cleared away at noon. Jos. Rotch left for Newport to meet his wife. Phebe Johnson accompanied him on her way to New York, which will be a matter of much rejoicing to the old school. Matthew Barker returned from Westport. --

11th. Mr. Barker returned home this morning. Read "Reginal Walton," a novel by Lockhart, Scott's son-in-law, a very interesting work. J. Rotch returned from Newport with his wife. The Amr. arrived from New York. Received a letter from cousin Tom. He had got a situation in a counting room there with a salary of $500 a year. Rec'd a letter also from Henry Grinnell with some tapioca. Went down to Father's in the evening and had a supper. Cornelius and Capt. Smith were there and came up home with us where we found Warren, returned today from Taunton. The Capt. had passed off a grand quiz upon us. He made us believe Warren had got into a quarrel there with the editor of the Free Press in consequence of something he had written in the Gazette. He told it to us in such a manner that we all believed him. We had a merry time. They stayed till twelve.

12th. The Ship Frances, Capt. Swain, arrived from the Pacific ocean with 1600 bbls. sperm and 300 bbls. whale oil. Brings no news. Business very brisk on the wharves which really looks pleasant, although the weather is unpleasant. Mary and Susan dined with us.

13th. Warren dined with us. Took tea and spent the evening at Cornelius'. Rode home in the sleigh.

14th. Sunday. The Pomona sailed this morning for Norfolk for a load of corn. Dined at Cornelius' with the girls. The Brig President arrived from a whaling voyage with 300 bbls. sperm oil. Did not go to meeting all day.

15th. Snow and rain all day. Very disagreeable weather. Cornelius dined with us. Warren and Smith came in the evening. They talk of taking the Gazette to manage on their own account, which I hope they will do.

16th. This has been quite an important day, people arriving to attend the ordination of Mr. Dewey tomorrow, but it has been very stormy through the day — raining and snowing.

16th. Warren and William T. dined with me. In the evening attended Mr. Holland's second Oratorio. Was considerably amused, but more fatigued. The audience was not so large as his first. He had an organ from Boston which added much to the effect. We did not get away till after ten. When we got home we were much rejoiced to find letters from Moses. Immediately ran down to Father's before opening mine to carry the pleasing news. He was at Pernambuco but would sail in a few days for a better market if to be found. He was well, but his prospects of making a good voyage rather small. Mr. Warren stayed with us tonight to make room for some of his friends at Uncle Humphrey's who had come to attend the ordination. Cousin Ab'm returned from New York by the way of the steamboat.

17th. A fine day. Attended the ordination of Mr. Dewey. The house was completely filled and the services were very in-

teresting and impressive. Great liberality of sentiment was advanced; no particular creed was required of Mr. Dewey, but he was left to teach his congregation after the dictates of his own conscience. I was very much pleased with the services, and have concluded to take a pew with Mr. Smith, believing that the moral lectures and instruction which I shall receive from Mr. Dewey will be of more advantage to me than to attend the Friend's meeting, the proceedings of which have been of late so counter to my ideas that I feel perfectly satisfied in leaving them for a time, trusting that the time will arrive when it will be a pleasure to me to return. The girls, Cornelius, Mr. T. and Capt. Smith dined with us. In the evening we went to meeting to hear Mr. May, a classmate of Mr. Warren's, and was well pleased with him. He, with Warren, came to our house after meeting and we had some oysters. Smith, Mr. T., Cornelius and the girls were also with us. We found Mr. May a very pleasant and agreeable man.

18th. Judge Davis and Mr. Gooding called to see us this morning. Not very smart today.

19th. A very rainy day. This morning went with Capt. Smith and selected a pew No. — in Mr. Dewey's meeting house, and hired it for a year. Warren and Capt. Smith dined with us. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Cousin Tom Russell, advising him to come here and embrace the offer of the owners of the Beneret to go out in her as supercargo. By the Brig Rubicon, Capt. Leech from Batavia, we learn that "about the latter part of Nov. the Elizabeth Clark of New Bedford was spoken in the straits of Timor with 200 bbls. of oil bound to the coast of Japan." This is pleasing intelligence, being the first accounts we have had from Capt. Clark since his leaving Madeira.

20th. Informed Capt. Clark's wife of the news from her husband. In the evening went down to father's and had a little bit of supper. J. Arnold arrived from Boston.

21st. Sunday. The ships Sophia, Capt. Cathcart, and Enterprise, Capt. Gardner, sailed for the Brazil Banks. Attended Mr. Dewey's meeting all day and was much pleased with his sermons. Dined at brother, Wm. T. Warren took tea with us.

22d. Wrote to Moses, and put it on board the Ann directed to Henry to forward at Gibraltar.

23d. Very rainy indeed — my cellar with 10 inches of water standing in it. Warren, Capt. Smith and Nath'l Hathaway dined with us on a venisoned leg of mutton — very fine.

24th. The great fall of rain last night seems to be the general subject of conversation. More rain has fallen for the past 36 hours than was ever known in the same space of time. Employed all day writing for Jas. Arnold in J. Rotch's counting room. The quantity of rain that fell in the last 24 hours was 4⅞ inches on a level by S. Rodman, Jr.

25th. Monthly meeting day. Great exertions were made by the old lights to concur with the women meeting in turning Elizabeth Rodman and Mary Rotch out of the Select Meeting, but the opposition was so great they were under the necessity of postponing it to next month. We had a real monthly meeting dinner. Father, Cornelius, Wm. and the girls with Mother and Betsey all dined with us. Cousin Tom Russell arrived from New York to go out in the Beneret. He spent part of the evening with us. We had a small supper.

26th. Cousin Tom and Susan spent the evening with us.

27th. Busy all day getting small stores for Cousin Tom, who dined with us. This forenoon the Wilmington and Liverpool Packet, Capt. Briggs, from the coast of Japan arrived with 2600 bbls. sperm oil. Took tea at Father's.

28th. Sunday. Went to meeting this morning. Mr. Kendal from Plymouth preached. Cousin Tom dined with us. Did not have any tea. Calculating on having a snug supper of oysters with Cousin Tom, but so many chaps came in during the evening that we were obliged to give it up, not having enough to supply them all.

29th. A very pleasant day. Cousin Tom and the girls took tea with us. In the evening we had a small supper.

30th. Spent the evening at Nat's with cousin Tom and Capt. Smith. We had a clam supper and stayed till past eleven. Miss Sophia had her grand party this evening.

31st. The weather uncommonly mild and pleasant for the season, but the walking exceeding bad. Cousin Tom, Warren and Capt. Smith spent the evening with us. Cousin Tom is now all ready for a cruise in the Pacific, and only waiting for a wind.

So ends this year.

JANUARY, 1824

1st. The Ann sailed this morning for New York having been detained by the wind since the 22 ult. My letter to Moses has gone in her. Cousin Tom sailed this morning in the Beneret Capt. Covill, for the Pacific ocean on a trading voyage, in the capacity of supercargo. Wind N. E. and every appearance of the brig's having an unpleasant time off the coast.

Dined at Father's with all the brothers and sisters. Wm. Warren and Wm. Grinnell

and wife. After dinner the gentlemen went up to the westward of Wm. R's to a lot that he was clearing up, to examine the remains of Sam Tripp who hung himself Sept. 23, 1798, and was buried up there. We found the coffin perfectly sound, but all the body had entirely decayed except the largest bones and the skull.

2d. Brought the account books from the store and in future calculate to go down in the morning on change for an hour, then return to attend to writing, and go down again at 4 o'clock.

3d. Warren dined with us. Mary and Susan spent the evening with us. Sam W. Hussey got home in the sloop William from Hayti — got a piece of coral from him.

4th. Sunday. Dined at Father's. Went to meeting all day. In the eve called on Mr. Dewey and spent the remainder of the evening in R. Smith & Green's room. Weather continues very mild. Wind S. W.

5th. A very pleasant day. Considerable sperm oil in the raw state sold at 41 cents per gallon.

6th. Stormy day — warm, rain. Mr. Warren dined with us. Jas. Congdon married this evening to Lucy Randall.

7th. The weather again pleasant, the wind to the north west, which has not been the case for a long time. Warren dined with us. Took tea and spent the evening at Cornelius'. He is full of the idea of leaving in May for the western part of New York. Wrote H'y Grinnell by mail, sending him a copy of the Manifest of the Beneret's cargo.

8th. Susan dined with us. Rec'd a letter from Capt. Lumbard dated 26 Dec., then ready for sea. The papers state he sailed the 28th from Hampton Roads for South America. She stowed 1614 bbls. Had a very severe sick headache.

9th. Mary and Susan with Warren dined with us. Wrote to Boston for insurance on cargo of S. Minerva. A great stir has been made for some time past to endeavor to have the postmaster turned out and Chas. Coggeshall to be put in his stead. A petition was sent to the postmaster general, but it ended in giving Asa a reprimand. He has now fixed up boxes for us.

10th. Wind S. W. Rained all day. Stayed at home till late in the afternoon writing in the books and drawing off accounts. In the evening the wind got to the N. E. but continued to rain.

11th. Sunday. Uncle Caleb Greene died this morning very suddenly. He had been unwell only two days. His death was occasioned by the retention of his urine. Rained all day. Wind N. E. Attended Mr. Dewey's meeting all day. Capt. Smith dined with us and he, Warren and Wm. T. took tea with us.

12th. After tea Mary, Susan, Catharine and myself went to Nat's and spent the evening — very pleasant.

13th. Warren dined with us. Afternoon attended Uncle C. Greene's funeral. Cornelius and Betsey took with us. Father gave us an invitation to come down to eat some oysters with 'Neal, Betsey, Warren, Wm. T. and the girls. We had a grand time. Father brought out a bottle of the "June Wine" left by Cousin Fanny which put us all in high glee. 'Neal had his new suit of vineyard cloth which he got pretty well torn. After Catharine and Betsey went home we adjourned over to the Doctor's and drank a bottle of his "York Wine." For my own part I was pretty well cut and the others not much better off. We did not get home till one.

14th. Felt shocking bad all the morning from last night's frolic. The Experiment arrived from New York. Henry sent me a barrel of pippins and a bag of nuts. Rec'd the Pilot by the Experiment. Nat, Anna, the girls and Warren dined with us. In the evening we read some in the Pilot and were much entertained.

15th. Put up a new stove rec'd from New York, which works finely. Mary and Sally E. took tea and spent the evening with us. The Pomona got in this morning from Norfolk with a load of corn.

16th. Took the account books from the house to the counting room. Given up the plan of writing at home. Mr. Warren dined with us.

17th. A company of black theatrical actors arrived in town. They intend performing a few nights. Much sport is anticipated. Went to a party this evening at Francis Rotch's.

18th. Sunday. Samuel Rodman, Jr.'s lady added to the stock of mortals this morning a son and a daughter. Warren dined with us. Capt. Smith and Warren spent the evening with us and we had a small supper.

19th. A small flight of snow, not sufficient for good sleighing.

20th. Took tea at Father's with Nat and Anna. Rec'd accounts by the papers of Moses arrival at Rio, the 20th of November. After tea Warren and myself went to the African theatre at Cole's Tavern. The play was "Pizarro." It was real sport for a time and quite a burlesque of the stage. One of the fair damsels gave us two good songs. We left at nine and went back to Father's and had a little supper.

21st. Rec'd letters from Moses at Rio. He was in good health and spirits and should sell cargo at that port. Catharine and myself spent the evening at Nathaniel's. We had an oyster supper. Some snow in the evening, but cleared away very cold.

22d. Very cold last night. The water was skimmed over to Palmer's Island. Monthly meeting day. The meeting held till past four o'clock. The case of Mary Rotch and E. Rodman was again brought up before the meeting. A great deal was said. Job Otis told the clerk that he had the power to make the minute as he considered the sense of the meeting without any regard to the opposition, which he immediately did and read this record of a minute that the weightier part of the meeting united with the women in disowning them from the office of Elders. This caused a general burst of indignation and the clerk had to erase what he had done. The meeting broke up without having succeeded in the accomplishment of the wishes of the old lights. About twenty-five persons spoke on each side. Thos. A. Greene, Sam Rodman, Jr., William and Thos. Swain and many others of the younger members spoke on the subject. Cornelius dined with us. He read us a copy of a long letter he had sent that morning to D. Otis, giving her a grand blow-up for visiting his wife for speaking in meeting. The girls spent the evening with us.

23d. Cornelius and the girls dined with us. In the evening Catharine had a large party of the Rotches, Rodmans and divers many others with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey. On the whole, a very clever time, particularly in the "after-piece" when most of the company had left. Capt. Smith gave us a few theatricals and we did not separate until one o'clock.

24th. Pretty stupid all day. Weather fine. A "weather breeder," as grandmother would say. Capt. Gallison arrived from Oyster Bay with a cargo of oysters. Nat. spent the evening with us.

25th. Sunday. William quite unwell for the first time in his life. This evening a very severe storm commenced which lasted till morning. Wind blew very hard. Capt. Smith dined with us.

26th. John Wood, Jr. stopped payment. Warren dined with us.

27th. The Selectmen have forbidden the African Corps performing any more of their theatricals, and have threatened them with a prosecution. Rec'd a letter from Henry Grinnell, also a back-gammon board to replace the one given Cousin Tom on his leaving. Nat and Anna and Wm. T. in the evening.

28th. A very mild and pleasant day. Took a ride towards the head of the river.

29th. Warren dined with us. The Brig "Phebe" of Bristol put in distress.

30th. Wm. T. Sylvia and the girls dined with us. In the evening Cornelius and Betsey, Warren and Nat were with us.

31st. Dined at Nat's with Mr. Sampson from Boston. Took tea at Father's. Rec'd a letter from Moses at Bahia. Wrote H. Grinnell and J. Thornton. The weather still continues remarkably mild and pleasant.

FEBRUARY.

1st. Sunday. Dined at Wm. T's with Mr. Sampson, Cornelius and Warren. The first exceeding cold day this winter. Susan came to spend a few days with us. In the evening we had Warren, Capt. Smith, Cornelius and Wm. T. Nothing would do but they must have a supper and Warren and 'Neal went into the kitchen and brought out all the cold pieces in the house and we made quite a good repast. They were all in a grand, merry trim. Wm. R. and the Misses Stockton went to Boston.

2d. The Experiment hauled down to the Smoking Rocks to avoid the ice which is now hard in the river. She is loaded with oil for New York. Although the wind hauled to the southward, yet we have had a very cold day. Had a very still time this evening. No one in save Cousin Bob.

3d. Weather more moderate. Warren and Mary with Susan dined with us. C. and L very busy making cigar trays and card racks. Nat and Anna took tea with us. In the evening Neal came in and Nat and myself went with him home about nine to have some fried oysters. After we had got our fill, returned back to our house with a bowl full for the girls. Had a good set down and parted at 12 o'clock. Some snow fell this evening.

4th. Wm. and Lydia Swain took tea with us.

5th. The coldest day this winter — the thermometer this morning below zero. Warren dined with us. In the evening we went to Nat's to tea. The Experiment sailed for New York.

6th. Warren dined with us. In the evening went to a large party at Jos. Rotch's.

7th. This morning J. Rotch, Warren, Capt. and Rob't Smith with myself left home in the stage for Boston. The day was very mild and pleasant, and although the stage was very crowded we had a merry and good ride. Stopped at the Marlboro Hotel. In the evening called at J. W. Davis' and stayed a couple of hours.

8th. Sunday. Went to Mr. Channing's meeting expecting to hear him preach, but he did not. A Mr. Furnans took his place. After meeting spoke to Miss Arnold. Went to J. W. Davis' to dine. J. Rotch and myself went with Capt. Smith to take tea at his boarding house, where we had the pleasure of being introduced to Miss Hawthorne, the Captain's lady, and we were both much pleased with her appearance and

manners. She is not a beauty, but has a very intelligent face and good form.

9th. This morning went to the State House and stayed some time in the House of Representatives. Capt. Smith and myself went to the office of the Savings Bank and to a Book store and purchased Parker's Edition of the "Waverly Novels" and Miss Edgeworth's works also. Dined at the Marlboro' with Warren, his brother Pelham, and Jos. Rotch. After dinner Jos. Rotch and myself took a hack, stopped at Miss Hawthorne's for the Capt. and went to South Boston to see the Glass Works. The superintendent, Mr. Jones, was very polite to us. He took us through all the different works, which were in full operation of blowing, pressing, grinding and making window glass. I was much interested as it was the first time I had seen anything of the kind. In the evening J. Rotch, Rob't Smith and Capt. and his lady with myself attended the theatre to hear Tom and Jerry perform. I was very much amused. After the performance we returned to the Marlboro' accompanied by Mr. Braden, had a supper and a long talk with Baust, the actor who played Tom.

10th. This morning called on Miss Arnold, at J. W. Davis', and at the Judges. Dined at the Marlboro'. In the afternoon "Logic" and myself sauntered about town, went to J. W. Davis' to tea. Miss Betsey Davis was there from Plymouth. After tea Bob and myself went to the Circus. Tom and Jerry at the Epsom Races was performed, but it was a flat concern as well as the after piece. Valentine and Orson, but the riding was superb. It was the first time I had been at the Circus, which made it very interesting. In the evening J. Rotch and Mr. Braden came in. The former left soon to attend a ball at Mr. Dexter's. Rob't had a letter from home stating the arrival of the Roscoe full of sperm oil day before yesterday, the 8th.

11th. The day unpleasant and rainy. Spent an hour at the Athenian very pleasantly. Finished all my business this morning and ready to leave home on the morrow. Dined at J. W. Davis' with a large party, among them Warren and his Miss Hedge, Dr. Robbins and his Miss Hedge, Mr. Bliss and Miss B. Davis, Capt. Smith, Dr. Niles, &c., and we had a very handsome dinner. In the evening most of us went to the theatre — Shakespeare's Jubilee for the first time was performed. There was too much of it, though very interesting. It consisted of scenes from each of Shakespeare's plays. Did not get away till one o'clock. It rained and blew a gale. After partaking a supper at the Marlboro' with Warren. Rotch and others we retired at two o'clock pretty well tired.

12th. Called this morning at 4 o'clock and left Boston at five in the stage for home. Still raining. We had a merry party, all of our own acquaintance except two gentlemen. There was Rob't and Lydia, Mrs. Nye, Warren, J. Rotch, Geo. Brayton and myself. It was ten before we got to breakfast, a distance of 18 miles, the riding was so bad. The forward wheels sunk to their hubs in the mud nearly all the way. About eight it cleared away very pleasantly; the sun shone out and it continued to be pleasant all day. Before getting to Taunton the stage driver sent an express for a relay of horses, which me us within four miles of Taunton, when we all got in and rode. Most of us had been walking for three miles. Got to Taunton at half past two, and at five got to Sampson's to dine. We had an excellent dinner. All in good spirits and full of mirth, we enjoyed the dinner much. From Sampson's, home, the riding improved all the way. The moon shone very bright and a merry time we had. The ladies, Brayton and Warren sung a variety of songs. Arrived at home at nine. Warren stopped with me. Found Mary and Sylvia there besides Susan. Cornelius, Nat and Wm. T. came in in the evening. Went to bed pretty well tired out. Warren brought us a dozen pewter plates in Boston and made Madam a present of them. Since I have been gone letters have been received from Moses stating that he could not sell his cargo at Rio, and was going to proceed either to Buenos Ayres or Montevideo.

13th. Warren dined with us. The Experiment arrived from New York in 24 hours. Thos. Rotch and lady and Mr. Fleming came passengers. Cornelius and Betsey spent the evening with us.

14th. An unpleasant day.

15th. Sunday. Rob't Smith and lady with Warren took tea with us. Talked over our Boston jaunt with much pleasure.

16th. Capt. Smith returned from Boston; He, Warren, Neal and the doctor spent the evening with us.

17th. Catharine, Susan making cigar trays, etc. Rec'd the Waverly Novels and other books that I bought in Boston. Had a letter from Moses at Rio — not in very good spirits.

18th. The great talk of the day is the blowing up of the character of Ogden, the famous author of Notus Mimini and Letters from the West. He turns out to be a great imposter and scoundrel, that his name is an assumed one. He has run off without bidding his creditors a good-bye. Warren and Mary dined with us.

19th. The Nantucket packet got off. Warren dined with us.

Robert Swain sick, situation rather critical.

20th. Capt. Smith dined with us. Went to Father's to tea. Nat and Anna and others were there.

21st. Susan left us today, after spending three weeks with us.

22d. Sunday. An exceeding stormy day. Went to the "Quaker meeting this forenoon, expecting to hear the English minister, Stephenson, preach, but in the early part of the meeting Eliza Rotch made some remarks on the awfulness of speaking in one's own will, that the poor man held his peace the whole day, much to the disappointment of many. Nathan, Warren and Dr. Whitridge spent the evening and took tea with us. Susan fainted this morning, but much better in the evening. Neighbor George Howland's wife added a daughter to her flock this morning.

23d. Nothing worth remarking occurred this day.

24th. Warren and Mary dined with us. Very cold evening and night.

25th. Dined at Cornelius' with the girls, Smith and Warren on calf's head soup. Had a good time.

26th. Monthly meeting day. The English minister was here. I attended the meeting. He had a good deal to say, which occasioned some remarks from Micah and Benj. Rodman. The former observed that the doctrine he advanced to us was good, but the situation of this particular meeting was such that it was dead to them. The last meeting finished at 3 o'clock. The case of E. Rotch and E. Rodman was again renewed, but postponed to next month, the orthodox not being sufficiently strong to push the case forward without the assistance of the quarterly meetings committee, who are to be here next month to lend their aid. Father and Cornelius dined with us. Put five pieces of beef to salt for drying, also salted a barrel of beef this evening.

27th. The wind blew a gale all last night from the south east. This afternoon friend Stephenson had an appointed meeting. It was pretty well attended. He had a good deal to say and spoke very well, used good language, and seemed to learn a little in favor of the New Lights.

28th. Nat and Anna took tea and spent the evening with us. Cornelius this day has given us the idea of moving into the western part of the state of New York to live, and has concluded to go down to Potomska, much to the joy of all us.

29th. The last day of winter, which has been a very uncommon one but very little snow, no sleighing, the weather very mild, but a larger quantity of rain has fallen than ever before remembered in one season. No meeting at Mr. Dewey's church today, he being absent to Boston. Went to the Quaker meeting this morning. We had a long sermon from the English minister and a good prayer. Susan and Capt. Smith dined with us.

The Brig Cornelia arrived from New York from a skinning voyage in the Pacific ocean, in which she was unsuccessful, and went a-freighting. A boat was upset alongside the Brig while coming up the river, with five young men in her, one of whom, a carpenter by name of Dillingham, was drowned.

MARCH.

1st. The ship Young Phenix and the packet Experiment sailed for New York — very cold and windy.

2d. Spent the day at the Candle Works, settling accounts with Wm. T. He dined with us today on mutton chops. In the evening we went down to Uncle Humphrey's to see Warren, who is laid up with a swelled face owing to his defective teeth.

3d. Capt. Smith and Susan dined with us. My Worcester cow had a calf this day at noon. Went to Father's to tea and spent the evening. Rec'd St. Ronan's Well.

4th. Dined at Wm. T's. with a party of old folks. At meeting today Debby Otis made a prayer, during which Ben. Rodman kept his seat and when she had finished he said the reason for his not rising was that he could not unite in prayer with one who did not possess the spirit of prayer. This was trying indeed to the friends of Debby and her good self, and in the afternoon the overseers had him before them, but Ben made them consent to his having some one present, as they come with prejudiced minds against him. They were together the whole afternoon, and Ben told them some plain truths. If they possibly can, they will bring him before the meeting next month.

5th. Took tea at Nathaniel's and spent the evening. Mr. Warren most well. Out for the first time this afternoon at Nat's.

6th. A very pleasant day. Jos. Howland, Cornelius and Wm. T. dined with us. Took a ride after dinner with Catharine and Edward. Agreed to sell Chas. Grinnell from the Candle Works 13,000 spermi in casks at 24c per cash to be delivered the 28th day of June next.

7th. Sunday. Mr. Dewey returned from Boston yesterday. Attended his meeting. Warren dined with us. Ben Rodman appeared at meeting today with a black double-breasted coat.

8th. Spent the evening at Cousin Jos. Ricketson's at a tea party.

9th. An alarm of fire this evening from Dillingham's Hatter's shop, but was soon put out.

10th. Cornelius went down to his farm today and commenced digging the cellar for an addition to the house.

11th. Answered a letter received some time since from D. G. Fisk. A large tea party at Father's. Some dancing in the evening. We had a real merry time. In the afternoon 'Neal and Nat were up to Tom Rotch's and they all got pretty well cut. Nat was not able to come to Father's. The Brig Elitus, Capt. Almy, arrived in at Tarpaulin Cove from Havre.

12th. Had a saddle of mutton cooked which I had had in keeping for a month. It was very fine. 'Neal, Nat, Dock Russell and Capt. Smith dined with us. In the evening we went to a party at Uncle Elkanah's. Jas. Arnold came up from Boston.

13th. Nat dined with us on the remains of the mutton. The Elitus got in. Sold my horse Robin to Father for $150.

14th. Sunday. The Experiment from New York, received letters from Henry Grinnell.

15th. A very pleasant day.

16th. Commenced snowing early this morning and continued to snow during the day. More snow than at any one time this winter. Three-eighths of the Brig Cornelia was sold at auction today for $1150, bought by S. Russell & Sons.

17th. Continued to snow most of the day. The ship Florida, Capt. Price, sailed for Baltimore. Took a short ride around town with Father's girls. Sleighing bad. Jireh Perry's wife put to bed — got a daughter.

18th. Preparation meeting. Benj. Rodman informed the meeting that he intended to enter a complaint against the overseers next month for detraction! Received letters from Moses at Buenos Ayres. To the first Jan. he had sold his cargo at a pretty good price. The girls and 'Neal were at our house when I brought the letters home. We were all much delighted. Jos. Rotch laid up with the Gout. Chas. Grinnell's son about two years old died with a lung fever.

19th. This evening at a large party at Wm. R.'s we had some dancing and a merry time. Warren returned from Taunton.

20th. Rainy. Father's French girl Virginia, left with them by Jere. Winslow, ran away.

21st. Sunday. Attended Mr. Dewey's meeting all day. Called to see Jos. Rotch who is still confined to his room with the gout in his great toe. Warren dined with us. Borrowed of Father the letters of Paul and Amicus.

22d. The Experiment left for New York. Tom Hathaway went in her on his way to Baltimore. Put ½ oz. isinglass to the Maderia wine bought of with which I have been very much interested. Two ships gone into Tarpaulin Cove this afternoon. The knowing ones call them the Europa and the George and Susan.

Capt. Lumbard. The ships that were in the Cove got in this evening. One was the Europa from Liverpool, the other the Richmond, Capt. Covell, from Brazil banks with 2200 bbls. whale and 80 bbls. sperm oil.

23d. By the Rambler arrived at the old town, we hear that the Alliance had left the coast of Japan with 1450 bbls. (full) bound home, so that she may be expected any day. Received letters from Moses at Buenos Ayres to the 6th Jan'y. To sail next day for Rio. Warren and Nat gone to Taunton to attend a Democratic Caucus for Governor and Senators. May Tyson died this morning — left a child two days old — a daughter.

24th. Catharine taken suddenly ill and confined to her bed.

25th. Received from F. Rotch three French pear trees received from Paris this spring. Monthly meeting day. The old lights succeeded in carrying their points, and the clerk entered on the books that they were united in disowning Mary Rotch and Elizabeth Rodman from their eldership, and sent the same to the Quarterly meeting for their concurrence. This is a high handed measure, and had the decided disapprobation of a large number of the members, and those too who were by far the most respectable in the Society. If the Quarterly meeting consents to these proceedings (it will most likely cause a separation in the Society.)

No. 4 Winter Good Christian

No. 3 Summer Ditto

No. 6 St. Germain

26th. Wm. and Sylvia and the girls took tea with us.

27th. Weather very fine. Jos. Ricketson sick with a lung fever.

28th. Sunday. Mary and Susan dined with us. Catharine came down to dine with us for the first time since she has been confined to her room. Some sharp shooting at the Quaker church this morning.

29th. Stormy day. Mr. Barker came off from Nantucket to attend the Quarterly meeting.

30th. Weather very pleasant. The Rosetta arrived from New York. Attended a caucus this evening on account of the approaching election. Gave Cornelius my Worcester calf to raise. Heard of the Capt. of the Swift, and two of his men being killed.

31st. Dined at Father's with Elisha Hathaway, Mr. Barker and some others. Heard by the Ganges arrived at Holmes Hole that the Wm. Rotch with 1600 bbls. and Alliance with 1400 bbls. were left at Wahoo in October.

APRIL

1st. The Experiment arrived from New York. Quarterly meeting day. The weather was fine and the meeting large. A good deal of preaching. Priscilla Hunt had considerable to say — she is a New Light.

Father, Cornelius, Wm. T., Cousin Abey and Mary dined with us.

The last meeting held till past six o'clock, when they succeeded in giving the finish to turning M. Rotch and E. Rodman out of their situation as elders. P. Hunt had a good deal to say in the last meeting, which galled the old school not a little.

Heard of Moses' arrival at Rio from Buenos Ayres.

2d. M. Barker and other Nantucket friends left early this morning. P. Hunt went with them, but severally were much grieved for fear that she might contaminate them. The ship Iris, Capt. G. Howland, sailed for New York. Heard of the ship Roscoe on the 10th of Dec. off the Friendly Islands with 2100 bbls. sperm oil.

In the evening went down to Cornelius' and had an oyster supper with Father and the girls.

3d. Politics are the order of the day. Great exertions are being made by the Federalists to displace Gov. Eustis and the Democrats are using greater exertions to re-elect him, which I most sincerely hope they will fail in.

Received letters from Moses to the 1st of Feb., stating he should sail for Trieste in 8 days with a cargo of sugar.

4th. Sunday. This has been a day of great excitement among the Quakers. Mary Newell arrived in town last evening, on her way to Philadelphia in the company of Andrew Robeson and others. It was soon known among the New Lights that she would be at meeting and there was a general attendance. The fore part of the meeting was taken up in short skirmishes, until Mr. Newell took the floor and preached for about three quarters of an hour very eloquently, after she had taken her seat. Cornelius Howland denounced her and her doctrine, said she had come among us to cause disorder, etc. and that she had established a separate meeting of her own where she lived. Her husband rose and said this was not correct. Jos. Rotch said that as there were many present who were not members of the Society, he would inform them that she had not been disowned by the Society as stated by C. Howland, but by a faction. B. Rodman rose and said he was authorized to state to the meeting that Mr. Newell would hold a meeting this afternoon at the Independent Meeting house. This was pretty nettling. The meeting then separated, but there was a deal of spatting before the house was cleared. Upon the whole, this was the highest time we have had. At 4 o'clock we assembled at the Tabernacle, which was soon crowded to excess. She gave us a good New Light sermon. The day has been very pleasant. C. and myself took a short ride before dinner. Cornelius, Betsey and the girls dined with us. In the evening, called with Wm. T. on Mr. Dewey.

5th. Town meeting day. In the morning the town affairs were attended to. Killy Eldredge was chosen Town Clerk. Treasurer and collector of taxes, Wm. Hathaway. Joseph Bourne and Ephraim Kempton, Selectmen. In the afternoon officers for the State were voted for and the result was as follows: Samuel Lathrop — 360 — Wm. Eustis 145 — for Gov. Richard Sullivan 355 — M. Morton 150 for Lt. Gov. Thos. Rotch 391 — Starkweather 363 — Brownell 371 — S. Hodges 144 — Mason 115 — Pratt 136 — for Senators. The Democrats never made greater exertions in this and the three neighboring towns — everything that could be done was done and they had confidently expected a gain from last year, in which they were much disappointed for there was a federal gain in each of the towns. Rec'd a letter from Capt. Tobey at Wahoo dated Nov. 10 with 1500 bbls. to sail in a few days for a cruise.

6th. Capt. Clark in the Bark Elizabeth arrived this afternoon from the Indian Ocean with a full cargo of sperm oil. He has on board some Madeira wine taken in at Madeira going out, which he has had on board nearly two years — for account of ourselves and W. T. Russell.

7th. Busily employed with the Elizabeth — the weather very fine.

8th. W. R. Rotch and lady and the Misses Stockton left in the Experiment this morning for New York and Thos. A. Greene for Philadelphia to attend the yearly meeting. Returned and sailed again next day. Francis Hathaway left in her on his way to Baltimore to go out supercargo of the Florida to the Pacific Ocean on a trading voyage. Put four hams into pickle. Took tea at Nat. Hathaway's.

9th. At Cornelius' to tea. Busily employed discharging the Elizabeth.

10th. The Ann Alexander arrived from the Brazil Banks with a fine cargo of whale oil. The Wm. Thatcher from New York. At Mr. W. Swain's tea. Finished discharging the Elizabeth.

11th. Sunday. A gentle rain during the day. Susan dined with us. The ship Charley arrived from the Brazil Banks with a full cargo of oil, 100 of it sperm. Wrote Francis Saunders Esq. of Nashville, Tenn., requesting him to send me the balance he owes Cousin Tom Russell.

12th. Rainy day.

13th. Got an account of the Elizabeth's cargo. She turned out 1230 bbls. Rec'd a letter from Cousin Tom dated at St. Jago 29 Jan'y. Mary and Susan took tea with us.

14th. Rec'd a letter from Capt. Lumbard of the Minerva at Pernambuco, 6 Feb. Could not find a market there and was to proceed farther south next day. The ship Barclay, Capt. Glover, arrived from the coast of California with only 1500 bbls., having been three years this day performing the voyage. Set out four cherry trees received from Boston. Drank tea at Father's.

15th. Priscilla Hunt at meeting today preached a pretty severe sermon to the Old Lights. The overseers presented a complaint against Benjamin Rodman.

16th. Busily employed in discharging the Barclay. Sylvia Russell sick with a bilious fever.

17th. Weather good, with some April showers.

18th. Sunday. The ship Wilmington and Liverpool packet, Capt. Briggs, sailed for the south for a freight. The ship Charles, Capt. Joy, with her cargo of oil, sailed for Bremen. She did not come to the wharf on arrival from the Banks, but discharged her sperm oil in the stream and bought of us the Barclay's whale oil to fill her up. The Europa attempted to get to sea for Lisbon with a cargo of the Richmond's oil, but grounded on the Bar.

19th. The Experiment arrived. Thos. Hathaway and Wm. Swain came in her. Nat and Anna spent the evening with us.

20th. Thomas Swain left this morning for New York to take passage in the Iris for London on a tour of pleasure. Finished discharging the Barclay at breakfast time. Dr. Read's daughter born this morning. Capt. Smith dined with us. Nat and Anna with the girls and Warren took tea with us. The Timoleon arrived in the evening from the Banks. The Brig Hope with a cargo of oil out of the Ann Alexander sailed for the north of Europe.

21st. Got an account of the Barclay's cargo. She turned out 1470 bbls. sperm and 73 bbls. whale oil. Settled the voyage at 38 cents for sperm and 22 cents for the whale. Took tea at Father's.

22d. The Europa, Capt. Elisha Dunbar, sailed for Lisbon this morning. Monthly meeting day. Benjamin Rodman was disowned.

23d. The ship George and Susan, Upham, arrived from the coast of Japan with 2000 bbls. sperm and 200 of whale oil. Heard of the loss of the Brig Nautilus in the straits of Gibraltar.

24th. Very fine weather. Busy delivering the Barclay's cargo.

25th. Sunday. This has been a day of unusual excitement by the arrival from eleven o'clock in the morning till six in the evening of the following ships, all full of oil:

The Martha Reed with 1900 bbls.

The Millwood Burgess with 1600 bbls.

The Good Return Ferry with 2400 bbls.

Making nearly 6000 barrels of whale oil — also the ship Stanton Burteh from the Pacific Ocean with 2000 bbls. sperm oil and the Commodore Decatur Tilton, last from Mowhee with 1400 bbls. sperm oil.

26th. Received letter by the Stanton from Pernambuco mentioning that the Minerva had been heard from touching at Bahai and proceeding to Rio, where she arrived on the 23d of February.

27th. Received a letter from Moses at Rio the 19th of February, to sail next day for Trieste. Cornelius dined with us on roast beef.

28th. Rainy day. Some considerable stir in town from a black man, Mr. Lewey, who arrived yesterday from New York, being broken out with Vareoloid (species of the small pox). The selectmen have had him removed out of town.

29th. W. R. Rotch's wife returned from New York via the steamboat.

30th. Cornelius and family left this morning for his farm at Potomska.

MAY

1st. The Brig Indian Chief arrived from a whaling voyage, last from Rio de Janeiro where she had sold her whale oil, about 500 bbls. which she has invested in sugar and coffee, and has also brought 120 bbls. sperm oil. Rec'd letters by her from Capt. Lumbard to the 13th March. He was discharging his cargo at Rio, and likely to make rather a slim voyage. Took tea at Nat's. In the evening called with Nat at Nelson's to see Mr. Warren and Mr. Seaver who has come with C. Warren from Taunton.

2d. Sunday. The ship Amazon arrived from the Banks with 1900 bbls. whale oil — ship leaky. Susan, Warren and Smith spent the evening with us.

3d. Town meeting day. Thos. Rotch was chosen a representative to the General Court. The ship Triton arrived from the Pacific Ocean with only 1100 bbls. sperm oil about half full, been gone 33 months — had lost her captain. This is the worst whaling voyage been made since Peace.

4th. Wm. T. and Warren dined with us. Took tea at Father's.

5th. Bottled 114 bottles of Madeira wine bought of Capt. Lumbard. Wrote Henry Grinnell for bottles and corks. Susan at tea with us.

6th. The ship Frances, Capt. Paddock, sailed early this morning for the Pacific Ocean on a whaling voyage. Took tea at Father's. In the evening the Experiment arrived from New York. Capt. Grinnell and Uncle Abraham came passengers.

7th. The Brig Elizabeth Blackmer, 44 days from the Cape De Verdes, arrived. Rec'd letter this evening from Capt. Lumbard at Rio, the 26th March, informing us that he had information that flour was very high at Lima and Valparaiso owing to their crops of wheat being cut off and that he would sail in 8 days for Lima. He had purchased some flour from a Baltimore ship to load him. Flour at Lima, $50; Valparaiso, $35 per barrel.

8th. Concluded to load the Elizabeth with flour for South America. Finished mending her copper. Two new cases of the small pox made their appearance today. The inhabitants a little alarmed.

9th. Sunday. The Alliance, Capt. Coffin, arrived last night full of sperm oil, last from Valparaiso, left 25 January. Catharine and myself went down to Cornelius' farm and had some good fun fishing. Wm. Smith and Susan also went down. They stayed all night. The wind blew very strong and we had not very good success.

10th. Got the Alliance to the wharf in the afternoon. Commenced taking in ballast in the Elizabeth. Took tea at Father's.

11th. Warren and Capt. Smith dined with us on roast beef. Catharine spent the evening at Thos. Rotch's practicing herself in dancing for a ball that is to be given at the Town Hall. I was so tired that I did not join them, only to accompany her home at ten o'clock, but stayed till 12 — fatigued enough.

12th. Nat and Anna took tea and spent the evening with us.

13th. Mary and Susan dined with us. Had a tooth drawn this afternoon. Took some cold in my jaw from which I suffered most exceedingly all night.

14th. The Brig Elitus, Capt. Almy, sailed for Amsterdam with a cargo of whale oil. The ship Columbus, Brock, with 1800 bbls. whale oil arrived from the Brazil Banks. Joseph Rotch went to Boston as juryman to the District Court. Wm. Rotch, Sr.'s wife died very suddenly this afternoon without any complaint. Worn out by length of years.

15th. Stayed at home all the afternoon — most beat out with pain in my teeth.

16th. Sunday. Suffered most terribly all last night with the head and tooth ache. Took considerable opium which made me sick and confined me to my bed all day.

17th. Took an account of the Alliance's cargo. She turned out 1428½ bbls. sperm oil and of the best quality we have ever had.

18th. Jos. Rotch and James Arnold came up from Boston. The ship Parnassus arrived from the Brazil Banks full — 1500 whale, 120 sperm. Attended the funeral of Elizabeth Rotch. Took tea at Father's. Cornelius and Betsey there from the farm.

19th. The owners of the Stranton dissatisfied with the conduct of Capt. Burtch. Brought in an account against him of $4000. They agreed to leave it to a reference. The trial came on this day and took the whole day. The decision of the referees not yet made known. Mrs. Arnold and Elizabeth came from Boston.

20th. Concluded to fit the Barclay for the Pacific Ocean and to give the charge of her to Capt. Coffin who was in the Alliance. Some spatting in meeting today. Abram Barker was nominated as representative to the monthly meeting. Some objections were made and the conduct of Abram was pretty freely canvassed. His name was withdrawn. Took tea at Father's.

21st. The Ship Pacific arrived from the Banks with 2200 bbls. whale oil, also the Herald with 1400 bbls. This evening with Catharine and Susan attended the Public Ball at the Town Hall, where about a hundred persons were collected together. We had as pleasant a time as could be expected. We left before one. Many stayed till daylight. The managers of the ball were Robert & John Smith, L. Washburn, T. G. Coffin and Thos. Rotch. The last nor any of the Rotch family attended, owing to the recent death of their grandmother.

22d. Very busy all day getting the Elizabeth ready for sea.

23d. Sunday. Attended the Friends meeting. We had some excellent preaching from Eliza Rotch, Mary Newell and Benjamin Rodman. In the afternoon Mr. Newell also preached. Job Otis denounced her testimony as unsound, and that he had no unity with it. Ben Rodman replied to him, and gave him some pretty severe remarks. Mary dined with us. Mr. Swain and Nat, Warren and Susan went down to Cornelius' farm to spend the day. Weather very fine.

24th. Finished a new sink drain at the house.

25th. The Elizabeth, Capt. Clark, sailed this morning for Baltimore, also the Brig Indian Chief, Nye, for Antwerp with a cargo of whale oil.

26th. The ship Swift arrived from the Pacific Ocean full of sperm oil. A large number of persons from Nantucket and the neighboring towns in town to attend the consecration of the Free Mason's Lodge tomorrow.

27th. This has been a grand holiday. In the morning a grand procession of the Free Masons took place from the Lodge to Mr.

Dewey's meeting house, escorted by a band of musicians from Taunton, consisting of eleven men. They had an address from Mr. Dean of Boston, after which the officers of the lodge were installed. I did not succeed in getting into the house. It was entirely filled with ladies, excepting the pews reserved for the Masons. One hundred and thirty of them dined at Nelson's. The wind blew very hard and the streets extremely dusty, so they did not march through the streets so much as they contemplated. About midnight last night we had a serenade from the Band. Attended the Friends meeting this morning. It was monthly meeting. We had a long and a good sermon from Ben and from Mary Newell. Debby had something to say. She got herself into a hobble and made pretty poor work of it. Mr. Newell replied to her very handsomely. Cornelius, Betsey and the girls dined with us. Took tea at Father's. After tea Capt. Smith came in and told us they were getting up a little bit of a dance at the Hall. Catharine, Susan and Wm. T. and self went; we had a very pleasant time. The music was very fine. Got home at twelve.

28th. This evening rec'd letters from Moses at Gibraltar the 17th of March, 54 days from Rio. Some thunder and lightning with a little rain at sunset. Mary and Susan, Warren and Smith spent the evening with us.

29th. The ship Commodore Rodgers Smith from the Brazil Banks with 1900 bbls. whale oil arrived this morning.

30th. Sunday. Attended the Friends meeting this forenoon. We had an excellent meeting, good preaching from E. Rotch and Mr. Newell. Chas. Morgan had a few words to say. Debby Otis gave us a prayer. Sam Rodman and brother Cornelius would not rise. In the afternoon attended Mr. Dewey's meeting, and in the evening the New Light friends held a meeting at the Independent Tabernacle. Mary Rotch, Mary Newell and Eliza Rotch, had a good deal to say. We had a very interesting meeting indeed.

JUNE

1st. Mary Newell left this morning for Lynn. A very pleasant day. Capt. Smith dined with us.

2d. The Wm. Rotch, Capt. Tobey, arrived full of sperm oil this afternoon.

3d. Rainy day. Got the Wm. Rotch to the wharf. Cornelius and the girls dined with us.

4th. More rainy weather. The ship Midas, Capt. Spooner, from the Banks with 2100 bbls. of oil, 85 of it sperm, arrived this afternoon.

5th. Forenoon rainy. Cleared away pleasantly at noon. Took tea at Father's.

6th. Sunday. The Ships Richmond and Ann Alexander sailed for the Brazil Banks and the ship Com. Decatur for Marseilles with a cargo of whale oil. The ships Victory Adams with 1200 bbls. and the Geo. and Martha Chase with 1000 bbls. whale oil arrived from the Banks, both had very bad voyages. The Brig Resident Stoddard from Rio also arrived with some hides, sugar and coffee sent us by Capt. Lumbard, being the surplus of sales he made at Rio, and the purchase of flour to take to Lima. He sailed from Rio the 8th of April for Lima.

7th. The ship Portia Ray with 1400 bbls. arrived from the Pacific Ocean; commenced discharging the Wm. Rotch. A very warm day.

8th. Much troubled with the tooth ache. Thos. Green and wife with Robert Smith and wife took tea with us.

9th. John Thornton here from Nantucket. He intends taking charge of the North free school.

10th. John Thornton dined with us. The Experiment arrived from New York. Hetty Hussey came in her.

11th. Matthew Barker and wife came off from Nantucket.

12th. Got an account of the Wm. Rotch's cargo. Say 1810 bbls. sperm oil, 28 per cent. of it head. Capt. Smith and Susan went down to Cornelius' farm.

13th. Sunday. Warren dined with us. Anna Parry came from Philadelphia by the steamboat line.

14th. Joseph Rotch's lady presented him with another daughter this evening at Nat's.

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